

There's A Fabulous Treasure Hunt Being Held Through Germany Today

Berlin, Aug. 10.

United States agents launched an intensive investigation today to solve the mysterious disappearance of part of a fabulous collection of German crown jewels.

A stepson of the last Kaiser said he thought the Russians were involved.

Prince Ferdinand values the 20 missing items at \$2,000,000 and the entire collection at \$5,000,000.

American Criminal Investigation Department agents previously reported the missing portion to be worth more than \$500,000 and the whole collection at \$1,000,000.

The Prince said he had submitted to a truth serum test to support the version of the mystery he unfolded to the American authorities.

The jewels were smuggled from the Russian occupied zone of Germany.

Some quarters here speculated that the Russians might demand that the balance of the treasure, now in American custody, be returned to their zone.—Associated Press.

JAVA WAR SPREADING IN INDIES, DUTCH CLAIM

Batavia (Java), Aug. 10.

The Dutch army said today that Dutch forces on the Netherlands-controlled outer islands of the East Indies—Borneo and The Celebes—had been attacked in local actions.

This was the first report of fighting outside Java, Sumatra and Madura since the Indonesian Republican-Dutch conflict began on those three islands on July 20.

Reports from both sides have indicated sporadic fighting this week despite a cease fire order issued in response to a United Nations Security Council communication.

The Republic advised the Security Council yesterday that Republican troops were "compelled to undertake mopping up and preventative operations" because the Dutch were "continuing military operations with the aim of extending their territory."

A Dutch communique similarly accused the Indonesians of violating the cease fire order.

Today's Dutch communique said Republican forces in Borneo ambushed a Dutch patrol at Hoeloe Stengal and inflicted some casualties before they were driven off.

In the southern part of the Celebes (east of Borneo), the Dutch said their troops captured two important posts.

The Netherlands army communique charge the Republicans with four more violations of the "cease fire" order and said that in the first five days, the Dutch lost 18 killed, 43 wounded and one missing.

An Indonesian communique yesterday said the Dutch captured Wagir, less than two miles south of Malang (Eastern Java), behind artillery and air support.

It reported the Dutch advancing on several other fronts.

Denial

In Nanking, a Foreign Office spokesman said emphatically today that charges made over

Big Train Crash.... 35 Hurt When London Express Hits Head On

Doncaster, Aug. 10.

Thirty-five injured were rushed to hospital today when the London-Leeds express crashed at Balby Bridge, one mile from here, into the rear of another train, also heading for Leeds, in Yorkshire.

The main lines from London to Yorkshire were blocked in both directions as a result of this accident.

Six passengers were killed and some fifty injured.

Three passengers were still trapped in the debris tonight, the London North Eastern Railway Company reported.

The locomotive and first three coaches of the express were derailed and the last four coaches of the train into which it crashed were completely smashed, the Company's statement said.

Both trains were filled to capacity, eye-witness reports said.

The two trains left 15 minutes apart from King's Cross station in London, shortly after 1 p.m. The collision took place on the last four coaches of the 14-car slower train. The engine and first three coaches of the express were derailed.—Reuter and United Press.

Jew Threats Said To Ban Train Traffic

Tel Aviv, Aug. 10.

Unconfirmed reports today say that the Palestine Government has suspended all railway traffic throughout Palestine for an indefinite period.

Derailling by the Jewish underground of a British military train from Cairo yesterday was believed to be the opening of a programme to destroy all rail lines in Palestine by the time the next fruit crop is ripe.

The train was derailed near the Wilhelmina with no military casualties.

It was learned that Menahem Beigin, Irgun Zvai Leumi's commander-in-chief, secretly informed a citrus merchants to ship fruit by the road in the coming season.

He said that all rail lines would be entirely out of action by that time.

At the same time privately circulated pamphlets warned all travellers to beware of using trains which, the pamphlets said would be "subject to daily sabotage."

The warning boasted that "not a single yard of rail line would be left intact."

Two Jewish youths, who fled from the scene of the wreck, were arrested after one of them was wounded in a gun battle with the police attracted by the explosion.

A third youth, carrying a sub-machinegun, escaped.

One Jew tossed away a hand grenade when captured and the other was packing the revolver.

Two contact mines placed on the rails exploded beneath the engine, toppling it into a ditch and derailling a tender and two coaches.

Precautions

British Army police yesterday took unprecedented precautions in Jaffa, acting on information that the Irgun had earmarked police offices and billets for their next operation.

It was said the Irgun had succeeded in tracing the perpetrators of last week's riot in Tel-Aviv, which ended in six Jews killed, and now planned retribution.

Last Thursday, an Irgun youth, disguised in Bedouin clothes, was arrested as he rode a bomb-laden camel on a Jaffa street.

It has since been learned that the camel rider was the spurned head of a large force—"The Black Squad"—which was prepared to swoop on police headquarters.

Total casualties since July 16 among security forces are 19 killed and 84 injured, with three civilians killed and 17 injured. Two terrorists were killed.

At Tel-Aviv yesterday, the police launched another sudden series of arrests of Revisionist leaders.

So far they have detained three, including the chief editor of the Revisionist daily, Hamashkif.

ODOM DRAWS NEAR HIS WORLD RECORD

Anchorage, Aug. 10.

Globe-girdling Bill Odom landed his Reynold's Bombshell at Elmendorf Field at 11:34 p.m. PST (7:34 a.m. GMT), making his first stop on the American continent in his attempt to shatter the world solo flight record.

The 27-year-old former U.S. Army Air Force pilot taxied his plane to the service camp.

Waiting mechanics immediately began refueling it and checking the engine for Odom's takeoff on a 3,000-mile flight to Chicago on the last leg of his round-the-world trip over Yukon and Canada into continental United States and back to his starting point at Chicago.

His estimated arrival time was 2 GMT.

Odom was hollow-eyed and tired as he stepped from his plane.

He was hustled to a waiting automobile and driven to Elmendorf Field Hospital where an Army surgeon gave him a physical check.

Odom's total elapsed time to Anchorage was about 62 hours since taking off from Chicago at 5:53 p.m. GMT on Thursday.

Barring accidents he appeared certain fulfilling his ambition to "shave at least 10 hours" off the record he set in the same plane last April.

He was accompanied by millionaire pen-maker Milton Reynolds and a flight engineer.

It appeared Odom would also

Throughout the Dutch-Indonesian hostilities, the spokesman said, the Chinese residents in the area maintained strict neutrality, in accordance with instructions from the Chinese government, carefully avoiding participation in hostilities prejudicial to any side.

A Chinese spokesman in Batavia declared on Saturday that the withdrawal of Dutch forces from occupied territories in Java and Sumatra would result in the massacre of thousands of Chinese by Indonesian Nationalists.

Hung Yuan-yuan, chairman of the Chung-hua Teung-hui (Netherlands East Indies Chinese Association), broadcast a request to the United Nations to call on the Indonesian Republic Government to release thousands of Chinese he claimed the Indonesians had already carried off as prisoners.

An estimated 200,000 Chinese live in the East Indies.

Since the Indonesian-Dutch fighting began, Dutch and Chinese officials have reported the killing and persecution of Chinese by Indonesians in a new outbreak of age-old community rivalry.

Hung said 1,831 Chinese were murdered at Tangerang a year ago.

Since the latest outbreak of fighting, he added, a number of Chinese have been killed, including 60 workers who had been burned alive in a Sumatra house.

He said Chinese were being held at the Japanese city of Malang.

Meanwhile, the Dutch-sponsored Pasundan Party which claims to represent 12,000,000 Sundanese in West Java cabled the Security Council that it protested against United Nations "interference" in the Javanese internal problem and said the Dutch police action was justified.

War

At the same time the Sultan of Jogjakarta came to that Republic capital's radio to claim that "although the ceasefire has been issued the situation is still a situation of war."

The Sultan said that the Dutch had begun to disrupt the economic life of Indonesia.

He added that "shopkeepers who close their business or raise prices or hoard stocks are playing into the hands of the enemy."

The Voice of Free Indonesia listed 31 estates destroyed in East Java, 32 in Central Java and 41 in West Java, including two British rubber plantations, one British tea estate and one French rubber plantation.—United Press and Associated Press.

PAKISTAN SETS OUT TO FRAME CONSTITUTION

Karachi, India, Aug. 10.

The Constituent Assembly of Pakistan 'predominantly Moslem India (which will become a British Dominion next Thursday)' met today to start framing a constitution.

Jagannath Nath Mandla, Hindu leader, active in the Moslem League and once legislative minister in India's Interim Government, was elected chairman.

The assembly was in session for an hour and 10 minutes. It met in a small semicircular hall, which once housed the Sind Provincial Legislative Assembly.

Fifty-three of the sixty-nine delegates are expected to sign the register.

Other messages say that in India's new division, the Congress Party will be supreme but leaders are conscious of a drift to the left among their constituents.

New Leader

A new political leader has appeared on the scene.

He is Jai Pakrahl Narain (Madrasi).

Narain's rise has been rapid. He argues that Socialism is the antidote for the growing Communist movement.

The Communists have been making gains among the low paid industrial and rural labour of Pakistan but the Moslem League will be supreme there for some time to come.

Recent reports of food riots in some outlying areas have been studied as possibly fore-shadowing a growing problem.

People, who in the past had foreign rule to blame for their ills, now look to the Nationalist Governments to bring relief from food and clothing shortages which have been constant irritants.

Official planners are tackling these problems.

They are complicated by a growing birth rate which is outstripping the capacity of the land to produce unless tilled for food crops alone.

Pakistan is predominantly agricultural and a big producer of jute in the world markets.

Industrial

India is industrially important. Nationalists are jealous of foreign control in any aspect of their economic life.

Through a National planning commission they are moving to choke off foreign control and ultimately investments in key industries.

At the same time they are attempting to induce America and other countries to provide heavy machinery and skill to improve the efficiency of industries.

Congress leaders are appealing to the people to abandon European dress and manners.

Prohibition and bans on horse race betting and other gambling are well on the way.—Associated Press.

Return To The Soviet

Shanghai, Aug. 10.

Amidst the strains of brass band music, 1,000 Soviet nationals sailed aboard the Russian luxury liner "Ilyitch" this evening—the first batch of repatriates from China under the recent Moscow government scheme.

For the majority of them who had not set foot on Russian soil since the Czarist days or who were born abroad without ever having seen their homeland, it was a voyage into the unknown.

Many whole families were among the passengers who boarded the Ilyitch. The ship was berthed within half a mile from the Bund, from which the liner, which formerly belonged to the Germans, could clearly be seen.

Sweating under a scorching sun, the passengers made their way to the dock in cars, trucks, and rickshaws, taking their belongings with them.—United Press and Associated Press.

"Hitler's Last Words"

London, Aug. 10.

The Admiralty released tonight what was described as Hitler's last message sent on the German naval wireless the day before he killed himself in a Berlin bunker.

It said textually: "General Jodl, inform me immediately: 1. Where are Wehrmacht's spearheads? 2. When are they going to attack? 3. Where is the Ninth Army? 4. In what direction is the Ninth Army breaking through? 5. Where are Heister's spearheads. Signed Adolf Hitler."—United Press.

OPEN WAR OVER IN TONKIN, SAY FRENCH

Saigon (French Indo-China), Aug. 11.

Military operations in Indo-China's Northern Province of Tonkin have ceased. A spokesman of the French Army announced the attainment of all objectives fixed by the high command.

The war that raged between the French and Vietnamese forces last winter has subsided, but complete peace has not been restored, he said.

Indo-China has thus entered a new phase.

This phase is one of a military stalemate.

French forces occupy more than one third of Tonkin and control the other provinces through strategic garrisons.

The Vietnamese still hold such important Tonkin towns as Ninhbinh, Hoa Binh, Tuyen-quang, and Loakay and have strongly fortified them.

Vietnamese guerrillas operate within the network of ponds headed by the French. The French have superior arms and mobile weapons.

But there is no safety for the French in the wake of their armoured columns.

The French believe that the Vietnamese main forces, in hiding in the mountains of Tonkin, are weary of war and eager for a settlement on any terms.

There is evidence that the people of Annam and Cochinchina are anxious for a solution that would permit them to cultivate their fields in peace.

Two factors have worked against the Vietnamese.

One is the rise of Tonkin, who have turned against the Vietnam and organized their own police and military. They appear to be very jealous of their own independence of action.

The second is the defection of the members of the Hao religious sect.

Their members rallied to the French in Cochinchina after the assassination of their chief, Du Yanshuo, by Vietnamese extremists.

The Vietnamese scored spectacular successes in underground fighting and terrorism in the Saigon area during the spring and early summer, but there has been

Unknown "Black" Planes Reported Over Tsingtao

Nanking, Aug. 10.

A National Defence Ministry spokesman today confirmed a "Hsin Min Pao" report that the Tsingtao airfield was attacked by unidentified black planes yesterday.

Tsingtao, the U.S. naval base, is a Shantung port and also a Nationalist military base.

The spokesman said he had no details.

The report said four bombs were dropped on the airfield but none exploded and none hit the aerodrome.

It was questioned whether the raiders were Communist planes from Dalton or Port Arthur.

Dispatches from North China said today that the Government is paying special attention to air

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ROBERT STEEN SMITH, Secretary.

The Weather

A ridge of high pressure extends WSW to the Gulf of Tonkin from the anticyclone on the E of the Looboo. Pressure over the Philippines is 1013.7 mm. Average at 1453.2 mm. = 57.409 inches.

Today's Forecast:—Light to moderate E winds, partly cloudy.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum: 84.5 deg. F. Minimum: 73.5 deg. F. Rainfall: 10.7 inches. Total since Jan. 1—1019.7 mm. = 40.14 inches. Average at 1453.2 mm. = 57.409 inches.

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DETAINED SHIP ARRIVES BACK IN HONG KONG

After two weeks' detention in Canton, the China Steam Navigation Co.'s ship *Fatshan* arrived in Hongkong at 6.30 p.m. yesterday and was tied to No. B4 buoy.

Two weeks ago the *Fatshan* was intercepted by Customs officials outside Canton and a stringent search of her cargo was made.

While under detention in Canton the officers and crew of the ship were under no restrictions. Information of the ship's release was given by the agent in Canton at 4.00 p.m. on August 9.

The ship sailed from Canton at 10.30 a.m. yesterday. It is understood the Customs authorities in Canton after receipt of a guarantee that she would not be engaged in smuggling activities.

When the *Fatshan* tied up at Buoy B4 off the China Pavilion Godowns this afternoon up to about 8.30 p.m., no one was permitted to board her.

The first official information received in Hong Kong of the "seizure" of the *Fatshan* was from the local offices of the China Navigation Co. on July 28, although the boat was "detained" three days earlier.

According to the report then issued, the boat was searched by the Customs officials on her arrival in Canton on July 25 and approximately 200 packages of smuggled goods found on board.

The contraband discovered included ginseng, deer's horn, high priced Chinese and Western medical preparations, motor spare parts, leather, cellophane sheets, and many other varieties of prohibited articles.

The latest report received from Canton just prior to the news of the *Fatshan's* release was that a heavy fine had been imposed on her owners.

Whether this fine had been paid it was not possible to ascertain last night as no company official could be contacted.

Rangoon, Aug. 9. Indian immigration into Burma after a June total of 14,396 dropped 7,735 during July to 6,661, owing to immigration restrictions. It was officially announced here today.—Reuter.



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Infantile Paralysis Hits Britain

London, Aug. 9. Reported cases of poliomyelitis increased by almost 50 per cent in Britain during the week ended Aug. 2, the Health Ministry announced, reporting 448 cases of the dread infantile paralysis in England and Wales. The week's total represented an increase of 140 cases over the previous week.—United Press.

H.K.-China Smuggling Talks?

Reports in Chinese economic circles last night claimed that the Governor of the Central Bank of China (Chang Chia-ngau) and Mr. Cyril Rogers (British Adviser to the Chinese Executive Yuan and concurrently Financial Adviser to the Central Bank of China) are expected to arrive in Hong Kong before the end of the month.

The visit to Hong Kong is to continue discussions with Hong Kong authorities on joint measures to curb smuggling.

Chinese overseas remittances through Government banks will also be discussed.

Chinese businessmen are apprehensive regarding the early re-establishment in Hong Kong of the Central Trust.

They believe the establishment of Central Trust in Hong Kong and the conclusion of terms between the Chinese and Hong Kong Governments would result in Central Trust taking over all exports for China from Hong Kong.

This would mean that the Central Trust would have a monopoly on all exports from Hong Kong to China.

Unconfirmed reports said that the Chinese Government are trying to obtain Hong Kong Government consent to allow the Central Trust to take charge of all exports to China.

Personalia

Admiral Sir Andrew Chan Chak, who is visiting the Colony for a few days, was the guest yesterday at Seymour Road of Sir Robert Ho Tung.

The "Guest Speaker" at the meeting of TOC H to be held on Tuesday, August 12 will be T. R. Rowell, Esq., the Director of Education and his subject "The present system of Education in Hong Kong and its stages of development."

TOC H meet at 8.30 p.m. at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong. All men interested are invited.

The following appointments were gazetted yesterday:—
Mr. R. S. Haig-Brown to be an Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Mr. R. M. Hetherington to be a Cadet Officer.

The new District Governor, Dr. Lin Shu-fen, will address Tuesday's meeting of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong. Rotarian Dr. Li, who has just returned from the Rotary International Convention in San Francisco, will speak on "Some of the Highlights and Sidelights of Rotary." The meeting will be held as usual in the Gloucester Hotel at 12.30 p.m.

Balmoral, Aug. 9. The Royal Family arrived at Balmoral today for their summer holiday.—Reuter.

Dr. Sun Fo, Vice-President of China, is expected to arrive in Hong Kong from Shanghai tomorrow by air en route to Canton.

Admiral Sir Andrew Chan Chak and Lady Chan leave today by air for Shanghai. Sir Andrew is on his way to Shanghai for consultations with the Central Government.

Government Blamed For Housing Lack

"The housing shortage is more acute today than it has ever been before in the history of the Colony. We need more houses. Government has done nothing to supply the demand. Private enterprise has done practically nothing because of the profit motive."

These remarks were made by Mr. Hugh Braga in the course of an interesting talk on "The Building Scheme" in the West Lounge of the Y.M.C.A. last night.

Mr. Braga also charged Government with responsibility for the lack of civic spirit in Hong Kong.

After outlining the origin and growth of building societies in England, Mr. Braga said in part:

"The policy of these societies today is to lend money to prospective home builders after their property had been assessed."

"Usually, the borrower was given an advance of 80 per cent of the value of his property. The borrower is expected to take up a number of shares in the Society."

"When this has been done, he hands over the deeds of the property to the Society and the money then changes hands."

"The loan is liquidated by weekly or monthly instalments."

"If, however, the borrower is fortunate enough to obtain funds from other sources, he can pay off the whole amount of his mortgage in one lump sum."

"If he is able to obtain a buyer and sell the property at a profit, he can do so under most systems in England."

"The same systems are in force in America, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and other parts of the world."

Attempts

Here in Hong Kong, several attempts at home building societies of one kind or another have been made. There were no big schemes mooted or suggested before the war.

The housing shortage is more acute today than it has ever been before in the history of the Colony. We need more houses.

"Government has done nothing to supply the demand. Private enterprise has done practically nothing because of the profit motive."

"Through a fear that prices might come down in the future, private enterprise is not prepared, because of high building costs and the high cost of land etc., to invest money in homes for you and for me."

"This state of affairs should not be permitted. Government claims that it will do its utmost to house the people. We must compel Government to give us homes."

Braga Plan

Mr. Braga added: "We have written to the Colonial Secretary to appoint an official with whom we could discuss our proposals. We are now waiting to hear from Government."

"There is nothing extraordinary about the 'Braga Plan.' It was the purpose of the Building Society to build homes and to cut down building costs by mass building."

"It is suggested that Government should be willing to assist us in regard to the allocation of funds for building."

"We do not want to pay out right for land."

"We do not want Government to give us land, as it would be unfair to taxpayers."

Cotton Yarn May Come From Shanghai

Shanghai, Aug. 10.

The China Textile Development Company, a government-owned agency operating former Japanese cotton mills in China, was today reported to have reached an agreement with the Hong Kong authorities for monthly shipment of 3,000 bales of cotton yarn to Hong Kong payable in pound sterling.

It was said that the trade accord in the first of a series of China Textile exports to conclude in Manila, Bangkok, Singapore and other ports with a view to getting in these markets ahead of the forthcoming Japanese private trade resumption and what the Chinese expected to be a large-scale Japanese economic comeback in the south seas regions.

It was reported that the China Textile is expecting early conclusion of an agreement with Manila interests while a branch office will be established shortly in Singapore.

Meanwhile, a Central News report from Tientsin said that merchants there proposed to petition the government to impose an embargo against Japanese cotton textile imports into China following the resumption of Japanese trade.—United Press.

You're Never Down Till You're Out

Liverpool, Aug. 9. Ian Scott Hawke Dennis, 33-year-old Oxford graduate, was fined £25 and forbidden to use his motor invalid chair for a year yesterday on a charge of operating the vehicle while under the influence of drink.—United Press.

Father John Szeto Passes On

The funeral of the late Rev. Father John Szeto, who died at the St. Francis Hospital on Saturday, took place yesterday the Catholic Cemetery. It was attended by representatives of the various Catholic organizations in the Colony.

The Rev. Father A. Rignati, Vicar General, officiated at the Chapel and at the graveside.

The late Father Szeto, who was 70 years of age was born in Macao and educated at the Cathedral Seminary.

After his ordination, he was first sent to the Holy Family District, Wai Chow, where he spent a number of years.

During his career there he had been three times wounded by pirates.

He was at one time in charge of the St. Francis Church and lately was in charge of Aberdeen.

He remained in Hong Kong during the Japanese occupation.

The large gathering at the cemetery yesterday was evidence of the high esteem in which he was held.

Odom Nears Record

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He was confident of getting to Chicago without difficulty. En route from Calcutta Odom radioed he wished to have an 18-inch loop antenna and two batteries installed before continuing.

Army mechanics replaced the batteries and repaired the antenna.

The plane took on a capacity load of 2,300 gallons of gasoline and 40 gallons of oil.

After a long takeoff the Bumbshell soared gracefully off the field as the sun was rising.

Over China

The ex-Army liner streaked across China without stopping. He radioed that he planned to stop in Japan for two hours before taking off for Alaska and then Chicago.

Odom passed over Shanghai on Saturday.

He asked the airport by radio for a report of the weather conditions in the Tokyo area.

When he passed over Shanghai, Odom was 44 hours and 9 minutes out of Chicago in his effort to halve the old round-the-world record of Wiley Post.

In Chicago, Franklin Lamb, Odom's flight manager, said he and Milton Reynolds, sponsor of the flight, were hoping that "Bill" would stop over at Tokyo for a few hours' rest.

He added, "Bill must be getting tired by now. He must be getting his sleep a few minutes at a time in the air while using his automatic pilot."

Storm Threats

Weather bureau officials at Seattle (U.S.) said that two storms moved over the North Pacific towards the westernmost tip of the Alaskan chain along the route to be followed by Odom.

A moderate storm moved in over Shemya Island, heading eastward up the Aleutians.

A weak storm was forming in the areas southwest of the island directly in Odom's path.

The officials said that, from Shemya east to Adak, the Aleutians were blanketed by a fog.

Scattered rain squalls were reported.

New Effort

Presque Isle, Aug. 10. Former Army pilot Clifford V. Evans and George Trueman took off on the second leg of a projected round-the-world flight in two light single engine planes.

Their next stop is Goose Bay, Labrador, 600 miles away.

They estimated the hop would take them about six hours. Associated Press and United Press.

MASS STRIKE ON WHARVES DEBATED

Over 400 members of the Chinese Engineers Institute yesterday discussed measures to be taken if the Labour Officer today turns down their third appeal for a revision of their minimum basic wage from \$2 to \$5 a day.

Last February the Institute made its first request to Government and employers of labour to raise the basic wage and to bring workers' earnings more in line with prevailing high living costs.

This request was turned down on the ground that Government thought commodity prices and living costs had not sufficiently stabilised to warrant a change of basic wage.

It was also held that industry would not be able to bear the additional burden.

The workers replied they were asking not for a permanent basic wage increase but only a temporary revision, to tide them over the transitional period of high commodity costs.

The basic pay could be reviewed as and when economic conditions improved, they said.

Dissatisfaction

The Government's refusal to the second application caused considerable dissatisfaction among the workers who felt that they were being made to bear the burden of high living costs in order to keep industry going.

Workers made a third appeal to the Labour Officer and large employers.

Officials of the Guild called on the Labour Officer last week. They were informed the matter was receiving consideration and a reply would be given today.

The temper of the delegates at yesterday's meeting was far from mild.

Some openly suggested a mass strike as the only effective way of getting relief.

SINO-BRITISH CLUB DRAMATIC SECTION

A lecture on the American Drama will be given by Mr. A. Simpson, Economic Analyst of American Consulate General, on Tuesday next Aug. 12, at 5.30 p.m. in St. Nicholas Club, 5 King's Building.

All who are interested in the Drama will be most welcome. Tickets can be obtained.

Another lecture in this series on the French Drama will be given by Miss Morron on the second Tuesday in Sept.

Coming Events

August 12—H.K. & S'hai Hotels annual meeting, noon.
Tuesday Aug. 12th. Guest Speaker at TOC H: Mr. T. R. Rowell, Director of Education. "Present system of Education in Hong Kong." 50, Macdonnell Road, at 8.30 p.m.

TWO POISONED BY LYSOL

Two men were admitted to hospital yesterday suffering from lysol poisoning, believed to be self-administered.

Last night they were reported to be still in a serious condition.

A Shanghai Chinese, Pat Muk-chai (20), was removed from the Kowloon Hospital at 11 o'clock in the morning. He had taken a heavy dose of lysol.

At 9.30 p.m., Kwong Tak-yun, 20, who had booked a room earlier in the day at the Oriental Boarding House, Connaught Road Central, was found suffering from lysol poisoning. He was removed to Queen Mary Hospital.

MOTOR CRASH

Three people were injured in a motor accident at Wangneichung Gap about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon when a jeep with six passengers, driven by Loung Pak, overturned as the result of a faulty brake.

The injured, including the driver, were removed to Queen Mary Hospital.

It is understood their injuries were only superficial.

JEWEL THEFT

Berlin, Aug. 9. One and a half million dollars worth of jewellery belonging to the late Hermann, widow of the former Kaiser Wilhelm, has been stolen from a hoard worth \$5,000,000 spirited from the Russian zone of Germany only 10 weeks ago, Prince Ferdinand, Hermann's son, said.—United Press.



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Britain Takes A Gloomy View

London, Aug. 9. The 75 per cent tax imposed on foreign films was described tonight as "unrealistic and manifestly unjust" by Mr. F. W. Allport, European Manager of the Motion Picture Association of America.

In a statement, Mr. Allport said: "The Dalton film remittance tax, camouflaged as an import duty, aims to reduce dollar remittances for American films from £17,000,000 to £4,000,000 annually by the simple expedient of confiscating the intervening £13,000,000."

"British cinemas have, in recent years, taken in more than £100,000,000 annually from the showing of American films. The Dalton remittance means that, henceforth, the American film industry would receive, in final payment for the films that keep British cinemas open to the British public, less than four per cent of the amount that the public pays to see these films."

"This is not only unrealistic, it is manifestly unjust." Mr. Allport's statement said that Britain has always retained at least 83 per cent, or about £83,000,000, of the box office receipts from American films. This increased the £36,000,000 and more that the Treasury derived annually from American films in entertainment tax.

Hollywood Proposal

"At best, the American film industry has never received more than 17 per cent, or less than one-fifth of the total earnings of its films in Great Britain."

"Under the Dalton tax, it would receive less than 1/25th," Mr. Allport continued, adding: "Does the Chancellor of the Exchequer or the President of the Board of Trade seriously expect the American film industry to continue deliveries on such terms?"

The statement said the American film industry was fully aware of Britain's need to save dollars and had proposed the immediate freezing of current revenues. "This proposal was, in effect, summarily rejected in favour of a hasty and ill-considered measure that serves no useful purpose at home and cannot fail to injure British prestige abroad," Mr. Allport added.

"The proposal that the American film industry put forward would have resulted in an immediate and continued saving of millions of dollars to the British Treasury," he continued.

U.S. Criticised

Sid Fields, leading British comedian, who is to co-star with Bing Crosby in a British film, said that British films had a great opportunity presented to them, but pointed out that a policy of "making second rate pictures merely to fill the gap would do more harm than good."

He thought that variety artists would benefit most. Another comedian of stage and screen, Tommy Trinder, said: "British films have an opportunity that may never come again." He criticized American reception of British films, saying that they would accept a picture, show it at the Carnegie Theatre in New York—the equivalent of one of the smallest of London's movie houses—and if every seat was taken would report that it was a tremendous success.

The American argument that the Middle West did not understand the Cockney accent should be cast aside, he said. English people did not understand the accents of James Cagney and other American stars, but they were forced to

Gloomy View

Mr. E. W. Wingrove, General Secretary of the British Film Producers Association, pointed out that efforts to secure increased showings in the United States for British films would suffer setbacks if the American film industry decided to retaliate.

British studios would have to speed up production to make up for the shortages if American refused to supply any more. The lack of studio space was the biggest difficulty, he said.

Leading figures of the British motion picture renting and exhibiting world took a gloomy view, however. They were in constant conference as they canvassed prospects of overcoming the American ban.

Mr. J. Arthur Rank, Britain's biggest cinema magnate, was the sole exception to the chorus of disapproval of the British Government's action in imposing a 75 per cent tax on American films and of the American ban on exports of films to Britain.

A Shudder

"I am continuing my plans for British films, and my actions are not influenced one way or the other by the United States ban," he said. Representatives of exhibitors and distributors expressed the fear that the American ban would lead to the wholesale closing down of British movie theatres.

Mr. C. Cowdin, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Universal Pictures Corporation, declared here that the British Government's action imperilled the whole structure of international trade.

"This unwarranted discrimination," he said, "will send a shudder through every man and woman engaged in the making and distribution of American films, which will turn to bitter resentment and may have serious repercussions on Anglo-American friendship."—Reuter.

Houses Behind The Birth Rate

New York, Aug. 10. A survey of 20 key American cities has revealed a worsening housing situation in the face of a soaring birth rate. In 14 out of the 20, there is an average shortage of 500,000 units.

This figure does not include the many thousands of Americans living in hostels, makeshift homes and old army barracks.

While the birth rate has increased from 17.3 per 1,000 in 1939 to 26.3 per thousand this year, construction of housing is far less than in 1939.

Only 15 per cent of the current shortage is being satisfied this year as Americans refuse to pay the excessive cost of new homes.—Our Own Correspondent.

A Sensation

Athens, Aug. 9. The Greek Government today returned to Athens 753 persons deported from Greece during the recent mass arrests in connection with an alleged Communist plot to overthrow the Government. They were returned from the Aegean Island of Ios.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL U.S. PROTEST?

Washington, Aug. 9. A Motion Picture Association spokesman today asked the State and Treasury Departments whether the British "arbitrary" action against United States films was in "contravention of the Anglo-American double taxation agreement and, if so, he said it planned to seek an official protest to Britain."

At St. Louis, the Motion Picture Theatre Owners of America said their organization had no plans to boycott British film production.—United Press.

France Joining In Atom Race

Paris, Aug. 10. M. Frederick J. Curie, French High Commissioner of Atomic Energy, has announced that before the end of 1948 France would be in possession of an Atomic cyclotron.

It would be a small one," said M. Curie, "working on the uranium plus heavy water principle, but it would be the first step towards the construction of a full-scale atomic plant in France."

The cyclotron is being built in the Fort of Chatillon, close to Paris, and will be exclusively used for peaceful purposes, he added.

Stressing the fact that France had been able, starting from scratch two years ago, to arrive at such a result without any help from the outside world, including America, M. Curie disclosed that France had hidden throughout the war one ton of uranium and 30 gallons of heavy water.

"I am against secrecy in atomic research," he ended. "It can only breed fear."—Our Own Correspondent.

Howard Hughes today staked his professional reputation as a plane maker on his still-to-be-flown 200-ton flying boat, stating: "If it is a failure, I probably will leave this country and never come back."

"I have put the sweat of my life into this thing," Hughes said. "I have my reputation rolled up in it and I have several times stated that if it failed I would leave the country. I mean that."

Again facing the questions of the Senate War Investigating Sub-Committee inquiring into his US\$40,000,000 in plane contracts—one of which was for a gigantic cargo plane—the lanky millionaire industrialist said he would pin his future career on his plane.

At the same time, he said the flying boat "Hercules", on which the Government spent US\$18,000,000, might never be flown because it was too large for one man to operate the controls manually.

Apparently, however, Hughes did not feel that the flying boat would have to fly to be a success. He said research on it would be of great value in aeronautics.

A Sensation

He said the plane already had appeared to show that efficiency of planes decreased when they went beyond a certain size.

Other highlights of today's session included Hughes' state-

GOODS FOR REDS MAY LAND UP IN GREECE

Washington, Aug. 10. Part of a US\$25,000,000 consignment of lend-lease goods originally destined for Russia may wind up in Greece and Turkey under the Truman Doctrine programme to halt the expansion of Soviet influence in the Mediterranean.

The rest is likely to be dumped on the surplus property market. There Russia could buy it again at cut rate prices.

This situation came to light as officials disclosed that congressional action in blocking the shipments is causing an epidemic of headaches in both the State and Treasury Departments.

The State Department pleaded with the law makers to get the deal go through lest the American Government lay itself open to charges of "flagrant discrimination" and failing to keep its contract with the Soviets. But Congress took the position that the Soviet actions in Eastern Europe needed some sign of official American disapproval.

Pointed Omission

The moribund lend-lease administration asked the 11 nations involved to put up US\$73,211 in operating funds. Russia contributed US\$725,000 of this amount.

Simultaneously, the agency appealed to Congress for the specific approval the Comptroller General demanded. Congress appropriated US\$500,000 for lend-lease liquidation expenses for the other nations. But Russia was pointedly omitted. The Soviet Union has been careful to keep her skirts scrupulously clean concerning the agreement.

Meanwhile, American officials noted that some of the equipment involved—chiefly the refinery materials, electric motors, coal mine equipment—may be found useful in the Greek-Turkish aid programme.

The rest, they said, appears destined for sale as surplus with the prospect of a sizeable loss because the equipment—made to Soviet specifications—would be of little use to other purchasers.—Associated Press.

ARUBA FED UP

Willemstad, Curacao, Aug. 9. Aruba, the smallest of the three Dutch West Indian islands off the coast of Venezuela and the site of a large refinery for processing Venezuelan crude petroleum, demanded administrative independence from Willemstad, claiming that revenues from Aruba were spent mostly for the benefit of Curacao, the largest island, where the capital is located.

An Aruban delegation appeared before the colonial legislature with a petition and a similar request was cabled to Queen Wilhelmina.—United Press.

GERMANS LIVING IN LUXURY

Hamburg, Aug. 10. German authorities disclosed today that widespread police raids on the "German Riviera" had trapped scores of Germans living in black market luxury in sharp contrast to their hungry countrymen.—Associated Press.

Killing Reaches New Efficiency

Geneva, Aug. 9. Dr. G. Brock Chisholm, a Canadian psychiatrist, and Executive Secretary of the World Health Organisation, said today that the next war will be "a bacteriological war."

Dr. Chisholm, who was speaking to students at the summer school of the World Federation of the United Nations Association, said: "Bacteriological warfare has been developed into a much more powerful weapon than the atom bomb. Armies and navies are relegated to unimportance."

He added: "Methods of survival of 10 years ago are out of date; the efficiency of killing has out-reached all types of defence. There is no foreseeable way of coping with bacteriological warfare."

"New and deadly techniques give the tiniest country the same war potential as the largest." Dr. Chisholm warned, however, that the use of bacteria was likely to be a double-edged weapon. Those employing bacteria as a means of destruction would probably become their victims, he concluded.—Reuter.

Franco-Spanish Frontier

Paris, Aug. 9. A spokesman for Premier Paul Ramadier's office said today that he had been conducting conversations with members of the Spanish Republican Government in Paris concerning reopening of the Franco-Spanish border which has been closed since Feb. 20, 1946.

The spokesman said that, naturally, in view of their position the French Premier was merely discussing the availability of such a move, which would tend to remove economic barriers between the two countries and would not entail diplomatic recognition. Ramadier yesterday discussed the matter with the Socialist, Radical, and Catholic leaders, Sanchez Guerra.—United Press.

U.S. To Join Rocket Experiments

Sydney, Aug. 10. The U.S. may be allowed to share in British super-secret rocket bomb experiments in Central Australia. This would be a most important step in Anglo-American cooperation, it is stated in Commonwealth circles in Melbourne. Australian defence experts point out that British and American defence organizations are closely following each other's developments in the interest of standardising weapons.

The Sydney Sun says no definite Anglo-American agreement has yet been reached on the Australian experiments. "The participation by America would come later when atomic warheads are fitted to the rockets," the Sun adds.—Our Own Correspondent.

The Long Drive Home

Sacramento, Calif., Aug. 10. A taxicab trip so long that the driver became homesick was related today by James Smith of Washington, the cabbie. The fares, Smith said, were N. R. Ramchandani and E. L. Varma, highway engineers for the Government of India, who were commissioned to study American roads.

They chartered a bright orange and yellow taxi from Smith's employers in Washington, he said, and started out on a 10,000-mile itinerary at 15 cents a mile.

"I'm a married man and have been homesick ever since I left home six weeks ago," Smith said upon arrival in Sacramento late last night, "but I'm not due back in Washington until Aug. 24."—Associated Press.

TROOPS CLASH IN PUNJAB

New Delhi, Aug. 9. The Punjab authorities today clamped a rigid censorship on outgoing news accounts of Friday's riots but reports reaching New Delhi by unofficial channels said there were heavy casualties when troops, under Maj. Gen. T. W. Hecce, clashed with rioters in the Amritsar district.

Paradoxically a special command was set up to prevent rioting and to maintain law and order in the Punjab areas where Sikhs and Moslems are disputing their post-partition relation to their new dominions. The Sikhs want Punjab to be included in the Indian dominion and the Moslems claim it for Pakistan.—United Press.

NIGEL BRUCE'S LATEST

Hollywood, Aug. 10. Nigel Bruce, noted character actor, is the newest addition to the cast of "Mortal Coils," cinema adaptation of Aldous Huxley's story, "The Gaiety Smile." He will portray Colonel Boswell. Bruce, of British parentage, was born in Ensenada, Mexico. He has just finished a part in "The Exile," Douglas Fairbanks Jr. Production at Universal International Studios.—Associated Press.

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NAZI REICH FELL IN TOTAL RUINS

London, Aug. 9.

Utter national deterioration and total military defeat brought about the downfall of the Third Reich, an Admiralty report said today.

The report based its conclusions on captured documents which it said, lay to rest forever the legend of an unconquerable German army.

"Germany suffered a total military defeat and there was no possibility of ascribing the defeat to anything except military conquest," the report said.

"The revolt (against Hitler) in July 20, 1944) was squashed long before the end and there were in fact no revolutions and no mutinies to make possible (any future history about the 'unconquerable Wehrmacht')."

The papers were among the German naval archives captured by British and United States intelligence officers and contained a day to day account of confusion and panic in the German High Command.

The beginning of the end was early in 1945 when shortages of coal, manpower and oil made Germany's situation desperate.

—Associated Press.

LIGHT COY. MEETING

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hong Kong Electric Co. Ltd. is to be held at 11 a.m. on Sept. 11 to consider an increase of the company's capital.

Under a resolution to be introduced at the meeting the company's capital would be increased from the present \$18,000,000 to \$50,000,000 by the creation of 3,200,000 additional shares of a nominal value of \$10.

All Home Comforts

Berlin, Aug. 10.

Thieves on Berlin's overcrowded transport system — the underground and surface railways — have been cutting leather from the seats to make handbags and light bulbs to illuminate their homes.

That, however, is not the only thing that makes public transportation here so difficult these days.

One woman standing in a crowded surface lines car got out to find a thief had not only cut away a whole side of her dress.

Because so many persons were being jabbed by sharp needles, the Berlin Transport Company now forbids knitting in its cars.

Too, the accident rate has been high in the crowded and deteriorated coaches. In a recent four-week period, 12 passengers were killed and nine injured. —Associated Press.

New York, Aug. 9.

Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, arrived at La Guardia Airport from Oslo today after a holiday in Norway. He will spend the week-end at his home on Long Island before flying to Rio de Janeiro early next week for the Inter-American Conference. —Reuter.

RADIO

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12.40 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.52 p.m.—Studio: The Ben Dudley Trio.
1.24 p.m.—Tina Martin (Vocal) With Orchestra.

1.50 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.55 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.55 p.m.—Cateridge-Taylor: "Petite Suite de Concert" London Symphony Orchestra.

1.50 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: "Ambrose and Anne" Anne Shelton (Vocal), and Ambrose and His Orchestra.

2.30 p.m.—Close Down.
6.30 p.m.—Night Variety.
7.00 p.m.—Studio: "Do You Remember?" "A Vocal Rivalry" by Cella Riedman (Soprano) with Kathleen Beck as the Piano.

7.15 p.m.—"A Choice of Flowers."
7.50 p.m.—Studio: "I Like What I Like" Presented by Cella Riedman.
8.00 p.m.—London Today: World News.
8.10 p.m.—London Today: Home News.
8.15 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: "Doubtful Faustus" by Christopher Marlowe. World Theatre Series. No. 4.

9.40 p.m.—Studio: Dotted Music and Waits from "Faust".
10.00 p.m.—London Today: News.
10.30 p.m.—World Theatre Series.
10.45 p.m.—"Singing for Everybody" Music for all States.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

POP



IT PAYS TO BE ODD IN THE AIR

New York, Aug. 10.

Carrying oddly assorted cargo seems to be an air-age specialty.

For instance, British Overseas Airways carried a sample bottle of rye whisky to the home grounds of Scotch whisky; Trans-World Airlines whisked 75 birds from Egypt to America, and Pan-American Airways stuffed five small planes inside a big Douglas DC-4 and flew them to Brazil.

A number of Stockholm residents have discovered they can get quick dry-cleaning service by patronizing—by plane—New York City stores. During a temporary New York bread shortage last winter, a number of travellers returning from wheat-short and bread-rationed France carried long sticks of baked goods under their arms.

One airline sent a cargo of rainbow trout eggs to the Palestine Purchasing Commission for use in restocking the River Jordan and also forwarded an assorted selection of hatching eggs to pretty up the pools of the Royal Palace at Alexandria.

Emperor Haile Selassie in Ethiopia received an air shipment consisting of a jewel-encrusted saddle for his favourite horse; and a number of crocodiles traveled as air cargo from Cairo to a zoo in California.

A Brassiere

While plenty of sensible articles do some plane traveling, some sound rather odd: a single brassiere to Bangalore, two bottles of Milwaukee beer to Ceylon, an umbrella to India.

A thoroughbred Brazilian favourite racehorse, Endeavour, was flown to New York for

some races at Belmont Track this season; 10,000 earth worms were hurriedly shipped through the clouds to Panama to relieve a threatened earthworm famine facing three Australasian-New York-bound duck-billed platypuses.

Plenty of flowers are flown from stem to market, but an outstanding bit of horticultural flying was a chestnut tree from Paris' Champs Elysees to Los Angeles, California. A grapefruit tree was carried by air from the American southwest to Saudi Arabia where agriculturists wanted to experiment with its production possibilities.

Glacier Cocktail

Cocktails at an American publisher's party were cooled by 6,000,000-year-old ice, chipped on order from an Alaskan glacier and flown here in a cooler. But at the same time another plane was winging its way across India carrying insecticides for a writer.

And with the soda beverages' shortage developing recently in Caracas during the baseball season, the condition was remedied by a rush order from the United States. This helped keep the Venezuelan umpires on their toes. —Associated Press.

Giral Forming New Exile Cabinet

Paris, Aug. 9.

Senor Martinez Barrio, President of the Spanish Republican Government-in-exile, has asked Senor Jose Giral, former leader of the Government to form a new Cabinet to succeed the coalition which Senor Ruidolfo Llopias, the Socialist leader, dissolved two days ago.

Senor Giral had sent a telegram to President Barrio, saying that he strongly believed that a predominantly Republican coalition Cabinet would have the best chance of success.

Senor Giral, a member of the Republican Left Wing Party, has been in Mexico since he resigned last February.

The election of Senor Giral as the strongest candidate for the Premiership was seen by many Spanish Republican observers here as a compromise by which both the Socialists and the Communists would agree to participate in the same Government.

Reds Out?

At a recent Congress in Toulouse, the exiled Spanish Socialists' General Assembly

MONTY WILL VISIT FRANCE

London, Aug. 9.
Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Chief of Imperial General Staff, will visit France from Aug. 27 to Aug. 30 at the invitation of M. Costa Floret, French Minister of War, and with the concurrence of the British Government.

Lord Montgomery will inspect training establishments of the French Army. —Reuter.

It was also suggested that the presence of Communists in the Government was hindering dealings with the Western European Governments and the United States' attempts to secure stricter measures against the Franco regime.

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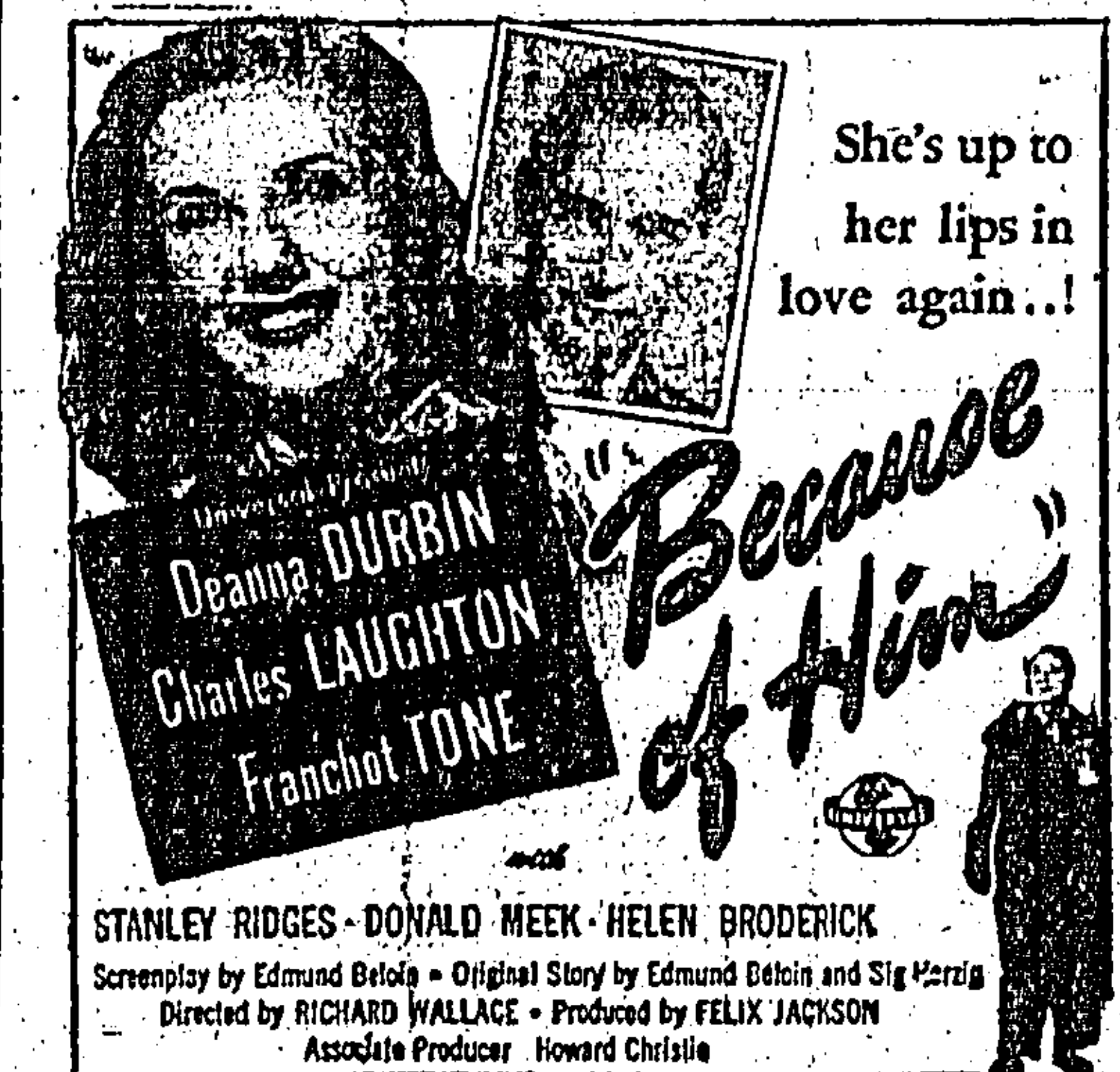
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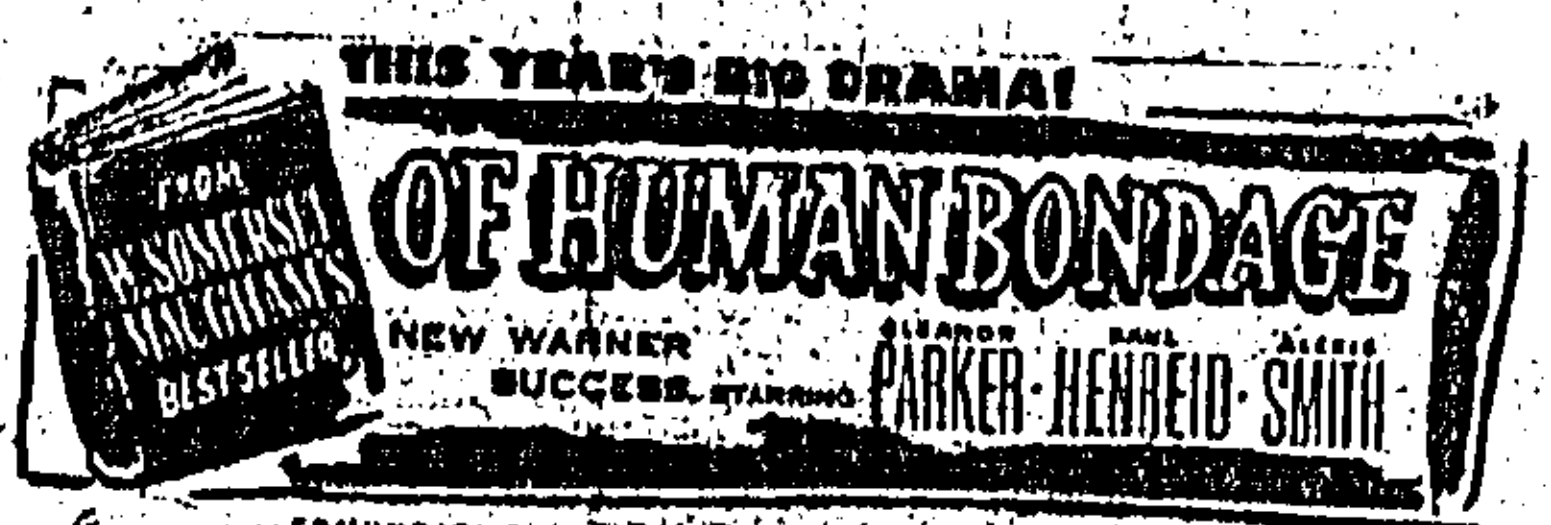


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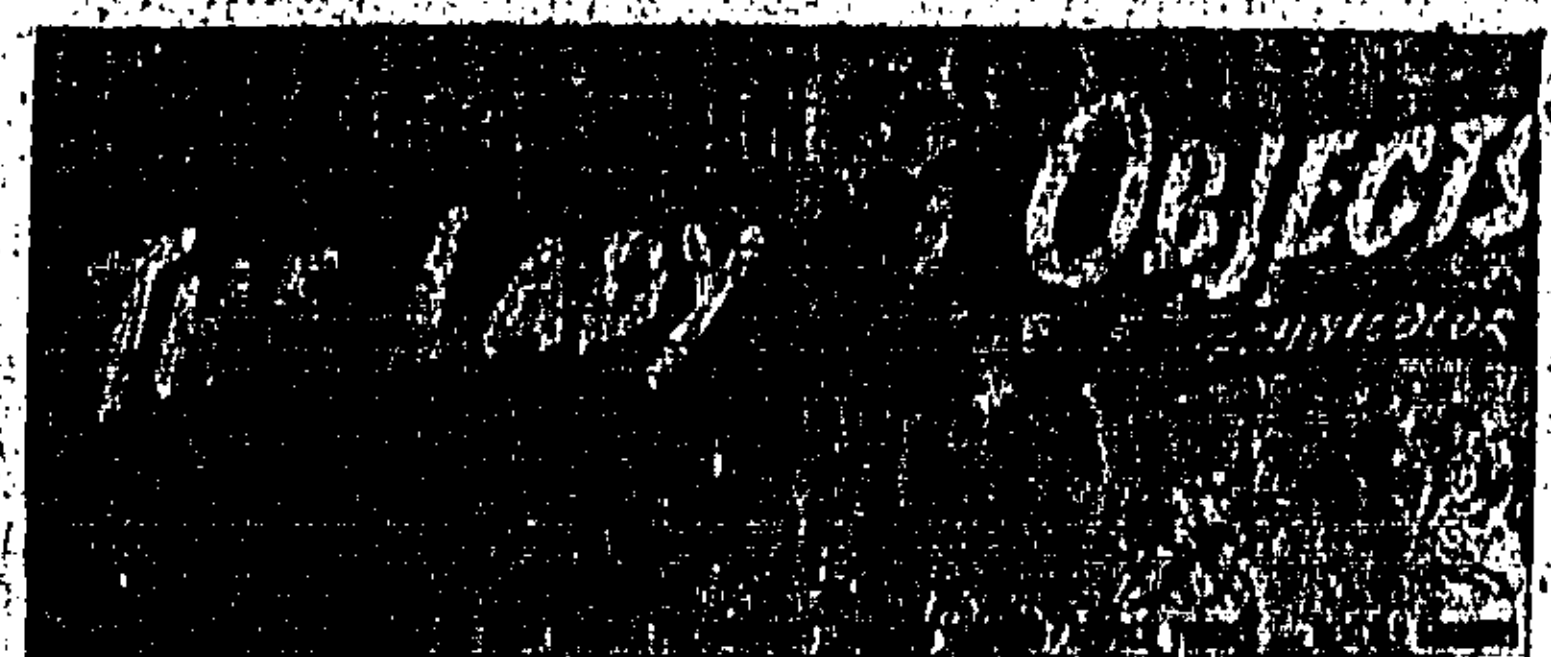
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DEATH

WALKER.—On Tuesday, June 24 1947, at Hull, Yorkshire, Thomas Richard Walker, ex S. M. P. and Chapel Camp, dearly beloved father of William (Billie) and husband of the late Lily Clara (nee Murray).

MARX vs. RUSSIA

Almost 100 years ago, Karl Marx wrote from London to the New York Tribune: "The conflict between Russian despotism and Western democracy seems to be everlasting in the Balkans. Those who are working for the survival of democracy in Europe must introduce European arts, sciences, justice, liberty, and the spirit of independence into the Balkans." A little later he wrote: "From time to time Russia pretends that it has no evil intentions against this or that nation, but merely wishes to protect it. Humanity should be on its guard against claims of protection on the part of Russia. Did they not claim to be the protectors of Poland at one time?"

There is almost overwhelming irony today in Marx's conviction that the one potent enemy against Czarist Russia was "the European Revolution, the explosive force of democratic ideas and man's native thirst for freedom." Now, a strange compound of Marxist Revolution and Slavic imperialism presents itself as a challenge to democracy in what Marx called "the conflict between the East and the West." Here is evidence of something basically wrong in Marx's analysis of society when his system—intended to emancipate man—can be made the excuse for the very despotism he attacks. But here also is a rebuke to those sloppy thinkers who hold that it is impossible to live in the same world as Russia without war because the Russians are Marxists. Perhaps the most revolutionary attitude of all is that which sees that the enemy is not merely a nation or a system but a despotic tendency of the human mind appearing to some degree in all societies. On this tendency, which would pervert even the best human ideals, the alert, spiritual thinker trains his guns.

FAREWELL
FREEDOM

It may well be that the Hungarian Freedom Party has no more claim to a monopoly of the idea of liberty than the similarly-named Right-wing party in France, yet there is something symbolic in its decision to dissolve before this month's election. This solitary Hungarian Opposition party is forbidden to publish a newspaper, has had its meetings repeatedly broken up by Communist thugs, and finds a law passed to disqualify its leader, M. Sulyok, from standing for Parliament on account of his political activities twelve years ago. It has thus good grounds for thinking fair elections rather unlikely.

The value of the Freedom Party hitherto has lain simply in the fact that it offered open and courageous criticism to a Coalition which was being progressively purged of any moderate elements by the arrest or expulsion of those members of the Smallholders' central party who refused to yield on all points to the extreme Left. Since the arrest of M. Kovacs, the Smallholders' principal organizer, by the Russians, and the resignation in exile of M. Ferenc Nagy, the late Premier, the Smallholders have been as pliable in Communist hands as are their uneasy colleagues of the Social Democrat party. The peasants who, since 1945 have backed either the genuine Smallholders or the Freedom Party will have little chance of true representation of their views. Any new and independent candidate must have 3,000

A QUICKER PACE IN
THE COLONIES

By A Political Correspondent

London, July 31.

The annual House of Commons debate on Colonial affairs revealed no disagreement with the immense activity being displayed by the British Government in this increasingly vital sphere but rather a desire on the part of the Opposition to take credit for having laid the foundations in past years.

Since the war, as the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones, pointed out, Britain has been busy returning colonies to peaceful conditions, adjusting their economies to fluctuating conditions, absorbing their military forces, repairing the ravages of war, reviewing public services, coping with neglect and disturbance and grievances, satisfying claims of nationalism and expanding freedom, discussing highly controversial problems of international policy and demonstrating, in spite of shortages of manpower, materials and skills, her continued desire to serve their people.

All this, he added, has to be done mainly by persuasion since all British colonies are on the road to responsible self-government and the Mother Country is not in a position to dictate to them even for their own good.

Advance On Broadest
Front

More political advance in each colony is recognised to be no longer sufficient. Now-days there has to be social and economic advance on the broadest front and there has to be cooperation between territories whether under the same flag or under different flags.

These aspects in which Britain, the largest Colonial power, is giving the world a lead, provided the most novel parts of Mr. Creech-Jones' comprehensive review.

Political development, however, continues to take priority. "We have entered a phase," said Mr. Creech-Jones, in which there is widespread demand from the Colonial peoples or at any rate from the vocal elements for more practical evidence of the sincerity of our off-pretended policy of co-operation with their forces of nationalism and freedom, its economic changes, its spread of education and the political and social awakening which is going on we must adjust ourselves to the much quicker tempo of constitutional development than

would have seemed practicable a few years ago. We have to experiment boldly though not necessarily rashly and recognise that while the transfer of power to people not fully trained or with adequate experience or traditions to exercise it will lead to mistakes being made, it is only through actual experience in the exercise of responsibility that people can acquire a sense of duty and service."

No Exploitation

Mr. Creech-Jones then reviewed current or proposed advances in Ceylon, Cyprus, Mauritius and Seychelles, Malta, the Caribbean, South-East Asia and Africa.

Education, including university education, takes first place among the social services now increasingly being built up in all Colonies. Next come health services like water, sanitation, nursing, child welfare, housing, nutrition and social welfare. A great deal of care is also being taken to guide the Colonies into constructive organisation of labour and trade unions. All this depends on the promotion of economic prosperity which is the aspect on which public attention in Britain at the present time is concentrated. Very large sums, running into scores of millions of pounds, are being placed by Britain behind economic as well as social development in great efforts to increase the production of all Colonial commodities.

Mr. Creech-Jones' words on this subject aroused particular interest in the Commons where there are members on all sides ready to accuse the Government of exploitation. The new Overseas Foodstuffs Corporation, he said, will be able to give additional encouragement and practical aid to both private and public enterprise and itself will be able to finance and undertake important operations.

"Of course these developments must be designed to improve the economies of territories overseas. We are not approaching this problem of increased production merely in terms of Colonial exploitation. We regard the contribution the Corporation will make as important in building up the permanent economies of the territories concerned. What will be done will be done in cooperation with the Colonial governments with their development schemes and I hope it will have the full co-operation of the Colonial peoples themselves. The fullest

consideration will be given to the welfare requirements of the peoples."

Pledges, Not Mere
Phrases

There are not merely soothing phrases. They are pledges which Britain holds as binding as those she is implementing on the political side.

What is particularly new since the war is the increasing Colonial powers on administrative and technical subjects. Agreement was reached in Paris in May on a three years' programme of technical conferences between the British, French and Belgian Colonial governments in Africa.

As a result of these conferences on soil conservation, forestry, rural economy, nutrition, labour, education, health and insect pests which ignore man's frontiers, international collaboration, said Mr. Creech-Jones, is already working splendidly.

Other countries concerned will continue to be invited and Africans will be included wherever practicable.

Colonies And The World

"The Paris meeting," Mr. Creech-Jones added, "revealed a large measure of identity of views between the three Colonial ministries. This development is of particular interest not only because of the needs of the larger world outside these colonies but also because of the importance of closer collaboration in Africa for Colonial development and also the special needs of Western Europe in the light of the recent conference which took place in Paris (on the Marshall proposals)."

Mr. Creech-Jones concluded by defining the Colonies' relation to Britain and the world in general.

"It is not only that we have the privilege and honour of helping them forward in that realisation. They are able to offer service to make a contribution to the larger life of mankind," Mr. Creech-Jones said.

Firemen
Refuse To
Work

Southampton, Aug. 10. Fifteen coloured firemen from the Canadian-owned 7,126-ton ship, Fort Denise Lake, whose alleged refusal to work caused the vessel to change course when bound from Antwerp to Greece, and to anchor in Southampton Water, were landed here this afternoon.

It is understood that the men, who come from British Somaliland, refused to work because they were dissatisfied with conditions and rates of pay.

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The Fort Denise Lake is on charter to the Ministry of Transport and is carrying coal.

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ASSET MAY BE
LIABILITY

THERE IS such a thing as "too much of a good thing." Ordinarily, the more cards you possess in your partner's suit, the better it is for you, even if that is not the trump, but a side suit. However, when your number of cards in it is too great, then the defender holds such a small number that one or the other may score a ruff against the contract. There are just two ways to safeguard your pair against such a defensive ruff in a high contract. One is to put the contract into that suit in which your partner holds many cards. The other is to put it into No Trumps.

S A J 10 8 7 6
H None
D Q
C Q 7 6 5 4 3

S Q 4
H 8 7 2
D A 7 6 4
T
C J 9 2

N E
W E
S

S 9 5 2
H K J 10
D 6 5
C J 10 8 2
C None

(Dealers: South, North-South vulnerable.)

South West North East
1 H Pass 1 S Pass
2 C Pass 3 S Pass
4 NT Pass 5 S Pass
6 S

East led his diamond J against that, and when West saw the Q drop on his A, he decided it was undoubtedly a singleton in North's hand. Hence North must have quite a bunch of clubs. Reviewing the bidding, he recalled that North had not jumped in spades until he heard South's club bid. That be-

tokened some large number of clubs in North's hand. Furthermore, North was notoriously a player who liked to take the contract away from his partner, and might seek to play the hand in spades when it ought to be in clubs. After all that figuring, West returned his club 2, and the ruff by East set the contract.

Now take a look at that bidding. North and South were not using Blackwood, or any artificial slam convention, so the 4-No Trumps was in its natural meaning, merely saying South's hand was appreciably too strong for 3-No Trumps. North's correct bid after that, when he held so many of his partner's clubs, was 6-Clubs instead of 6-Spades. South could have left that or could have snatched into 6-No Trumps, in which events no tricks could have been taken against his except the diamond A, as a ruff by the defense would have been not just unlikely, but impossible as it developed.

What are the odds for and against scoring two tricks at No Trumps with the A-J-10 of a suit if both of the secondary honors are finessed?

H.C.L. IN VIENNA

Vienna, Aug. 10. Wages will rise today and general living costs will skyrocket at the same time under the government's wage price schedule approved by the Four Power Allied Control Council.

Bread will rise from about 5.6 cents to 11 cents and prices will rise about 60 per cent. Industrial workers will get an increase of 40 per cent and office and trade employees about 20 per cent over their basic rate of about \$22 a month.—Associated Press.

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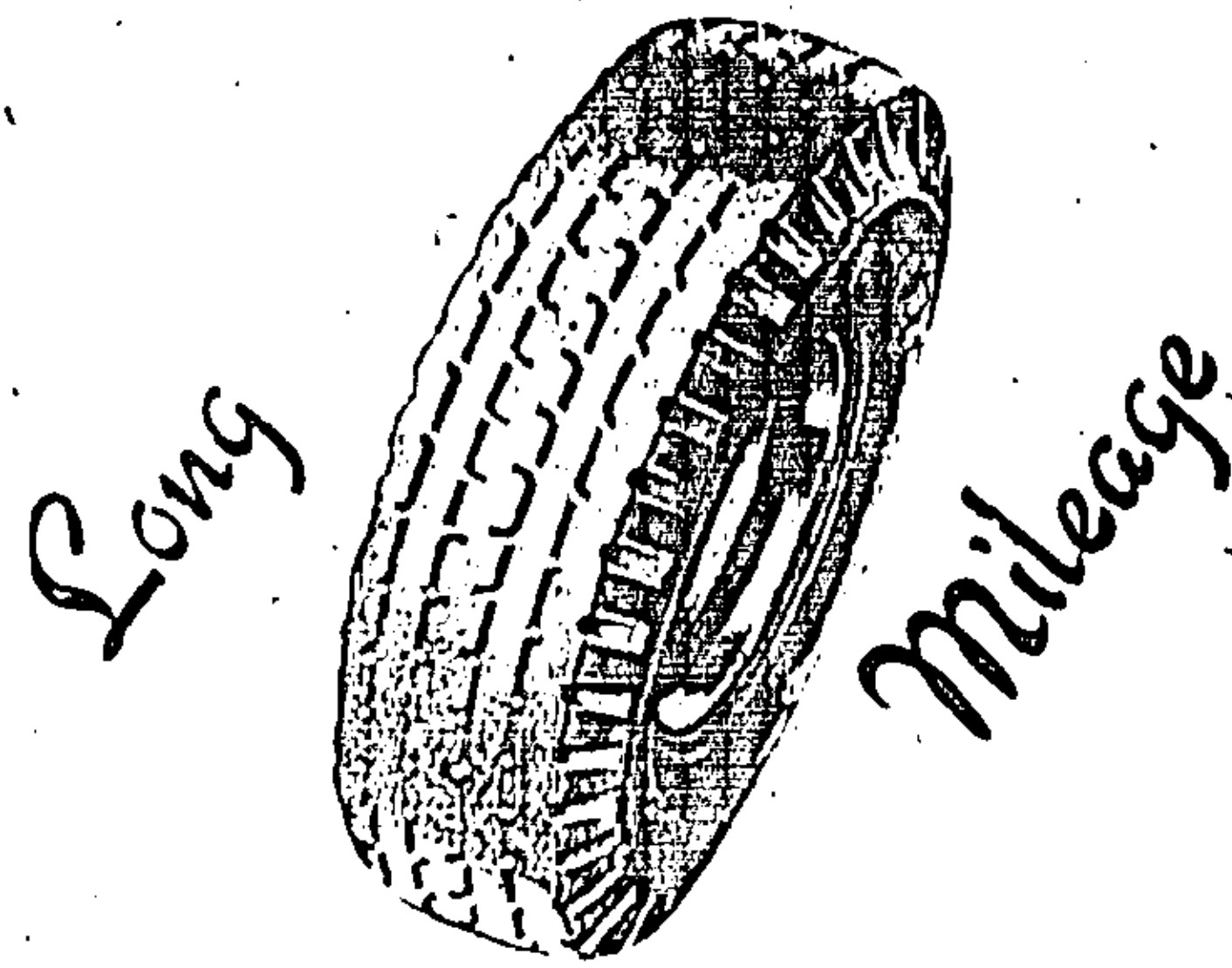
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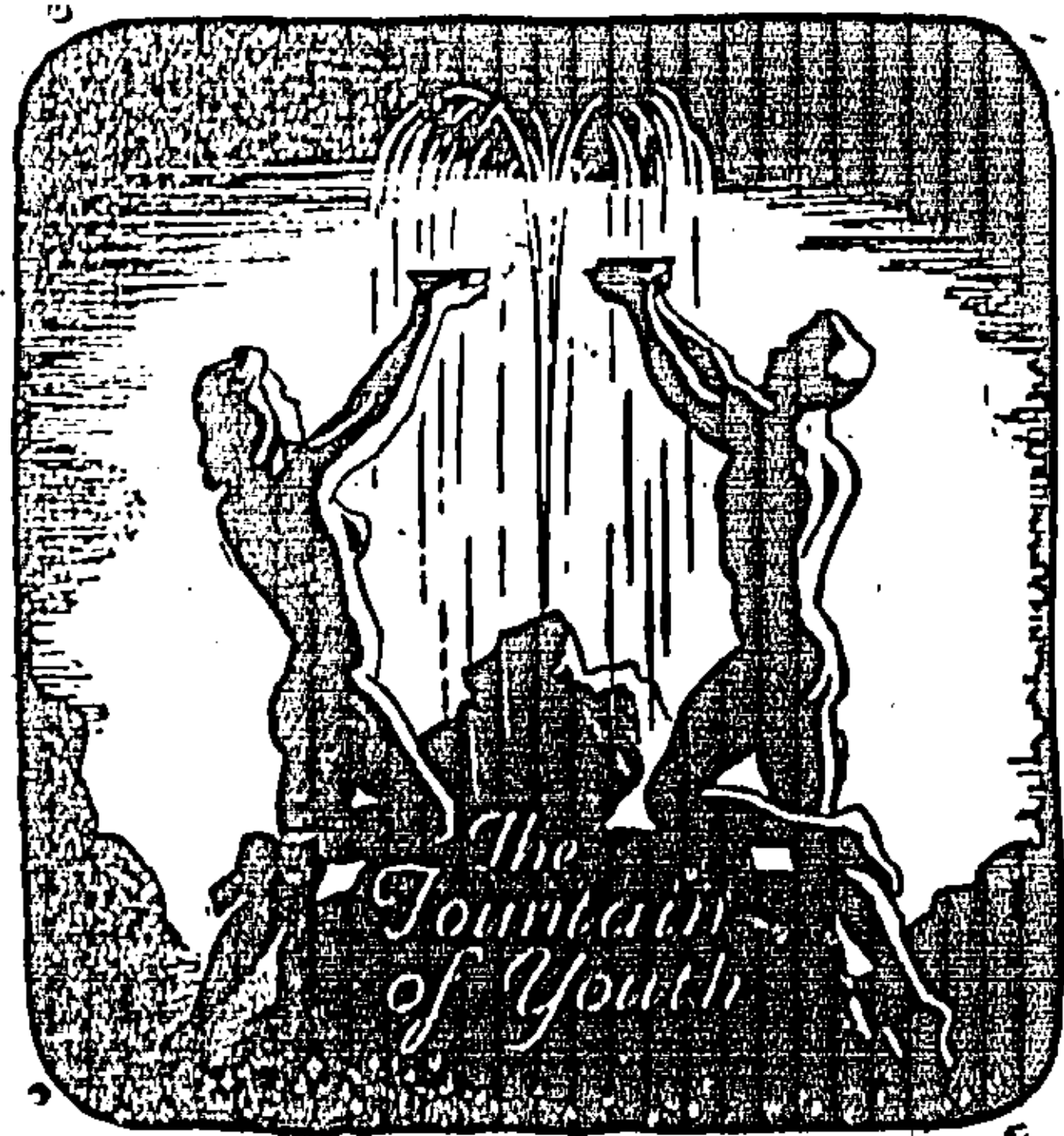
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Franco-American Conference To Be HeldYOUTH
LOSES
FAITH

London, Aug. 9. The youth of Europe has lost faith in a political approach to post-war reconstruction. It wants bread, human understanding and peace—not politics—as the foundation for recovery.

It is tired of war, and rumours of war and sick, cynical and despondent of international suspicion and political bickering in the effort towards reconstruction.

Through an informal poll conducted by the Associated Press, the youngsters give their views on European reconstruction in the light of war and post-war deprivations and the uncertainty of the future.

Trauld, a 22-year-old Viennese secretary, thinks "tradition, our old civilization and to long-gone nationalism" and adds: "I sometimes think we are like an old Royal family whose blood is tired and whose members are not fit to struggle through life."

"Food is what we need," says Charlotte Runge, 18-year-old schoolgirl. "Before we get enough to eat there can never be any reconstruction. But I do not think there will be any because the past two years have shown that the rich nations use food as bargaining weapons in the world game of politics."

After food most of the German youth talk of a United Europe.

"The only thing to do is to set up a United States of Europe," asserts 17-year-old Manfred Crecchi, mimeograph operator. "What we need is a government over all of us."

Appeal

Young Germans, addressing a youth rally in Munich, appealed for a chance to develop democracy without their nation being squeezed in a war or a game of power politics between the East and the West.

Giovanni Crupi, 23-year-old law student of Rome, is pessimistic and believes another war inevitable.

"I'm not a warmonger," he says. "It's just that to build a peaceful Europe, the Democratic ideal has to triumph over Communism and a third world war will be the only way to do it. After that, there should be an elected government to rule all of Europe."

A 24-year-old London Scoutmaster, who withheld his name, has this to say: "To get anywhere every country must give up some part of its autonomy. If we can't have a world government, let's start with something smaller, such as a European controlling authority—a sort of little United Nations."

The scoutmaster feels that the basis of European cooperation should be "a definite set of facts" such as exist in the scout movement, "which is world-wide and has worked successfully for years."

Ernest Coates, 18-year-old draftsman, of London's blitzed East End, suggests all countries arrange a system of interchange of visitors, "as a knowledge and understanding of foreign people would help remove mistrust and suspicion."

Expressing some sympathy for Russia's memories of events after the 1941-18 war, Coates said he felt that if Russia continues her policy of isolation, "then we should go ahead without her."

Marion Young, 23-year-old girl guide, suggests that "we show more friendship and less suspicion of Russia." Marion says in Britain "the government is squashing private enterprise—I think otherwise we would have more housing." She thinks Britain "should spend more money on food and essentials instead of on nationalisation and there should be a coalition government until this emergency is over."

Charter

Irene Gagnoudaki, 23-year-old philosophy student of Athens, says: "There must be reconstruction of character—if people have good character, they can accomplish the reconstruction of Europe. Every nation must make its people understand they must manage reconstruction of their own land."

Pollish youths are looking to the United States as a source

Plans For Coal
And Industry

Paris, Aug. 9.

The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, announced that he has agreed that an American-French conference be held "without delay" on the German level of industry and coal problems.

The statement on his decision was handed to the French Government by the United States Ambassador in Paris today.

A copy of the note was also given to the British Charge d'Affaires in Washington, Mr. John Balfour.

It was disclosed that the note was sent to Paris on July 21, promising suspension of the announcement of the level of industry plan until the French Government had a "reasonable opportunity to make its views known."

At that time, Mr. Marshall said that he was approaching the British Foreign Office on the matter and that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, had informed him that the British Government was considering the who's position.

It is considered evident therefore that the Marshall note was sent with the full approval of the British Government.

Ruhr Coal

The U.S. State Department spokesman said that there was no immediate plan for the French to join in next Tuesday's Anglo-American Conference, though it is foreseen that this session is likely to expand to cover the whole question.

In his note, Mr. Marshall said: "The United States Government is prepared to agree to meetings without delay between representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom and the French Government on the subject of a revised level of industry plan in order that French views may be considered and the objectives of the plan explored and explained before the plan is finally formulated and adopted by the United States and United Kingdom Governments."

"With respect to the management and control of the Ruhr coal mines, the United States Government is similarly prepared to receive and discuss French views with the French and British Governments."

French Protest

"Proposals as to the arrangements for discussions dealing with the level of industry plan and the management and control of the Ruhr coal mines will be communicated to the French Government without delay."

The spokesman added that the time and place of the Conference would be announced later. He said that it was unlikely that it would be held on Cabinet level, but he expected the French to send top experts to Washington shortly. He also stressed that the plan for a three-power conference would not interfere with the Anglo-American talks on Ruhr coal production opening in Washington on Tuesday.

Mr. Marshall's note consti-

Shantung
Success
Claimed

Nanking, Aug. 9.

Pro-Government reports claimed today that the Nationalists stormed into the east gate of Kaomi, 45 miles west of Tsingtao on the Tsinan-Tsingtao railway, and engaged the Red defenders in a heavy street battle.

The reports said that complete occupation of the city is expected at any moment.

Railway repair crews were said to be standing by to rush repairs to the short stretch of the Tsinan-Tsingtao line, seeking to restore traffic on the railway.

Meanwhile, in West Shantung, Government forces were reported to have captured Yung-cheng, 100 miles southwest of Tsinan, driving the Communists to the Yellow River bank.

The Communist radio charged that Nationalist bombers blasted gaps in the Yellow River dykes "day and night" to engulf Communist-held areas in Shantung during the "last many days."—United Press.

Denikin
Is Dead

Detroit, Aug. 9.

The death occurred here today of General Anton Ivanovich Denikin, 73, Chief-of-Staff of the Imperial Russian Army and Commander of the White Russians in the fight to stem the Bolshevik revolution.

The general came to the United States with his wife over a year ago from France and had half-finished his autobiography, "My Epoch."

The death from a heart ailment of the spade-bearded, stern-faced soldier who for a few months in the summer of 1919 held the destiny of 300,000 Russians in his hands, passed unnoticed for 24 hours.—United Press.

CANADIAN CREDIT
TO ITALY

Rome, Aug. 9.

The £12,500,000 loan that Italy was reported yesterday to have obtained from Canada is actually a credit extended by a group of private industrialists with the knowledge and sanction of the Canadian Government.

Details have not been completed and the group, therefore, do not wish their names to be made public yet.—Reuter.

CELEBRATION

Nanking, Aug. 9.

A programme for celebration of the second anniversary of V. J. Day was announced by the city government today. It includes a mass meeting to pay homage to the war dead and a national defence exhibition.—United Press.

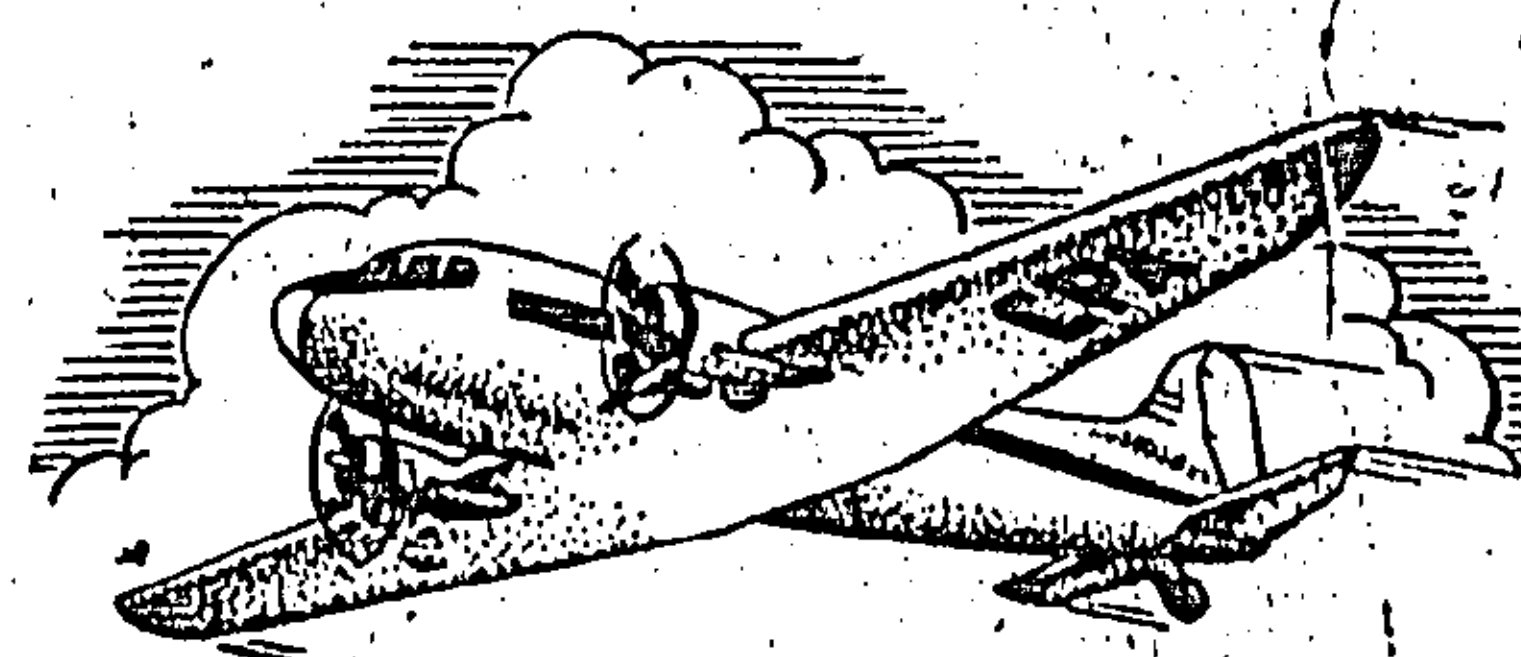


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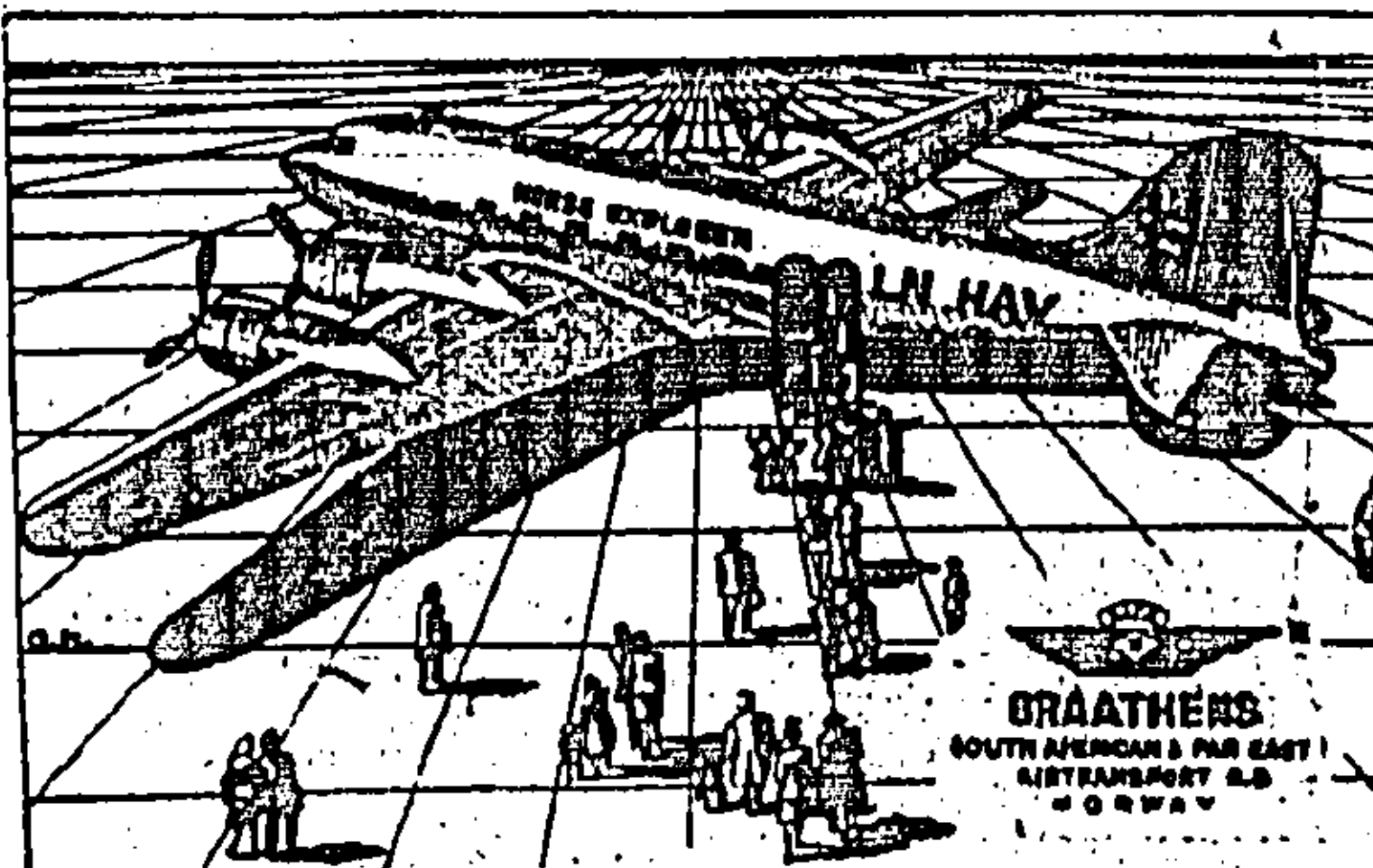
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Free ports, as the term is used in the United States, are trade zones in which goods from other countries may be stored and processed for re-export without payment of duties. Duty must be paid, however, on those goods entering American commerce from the free zones.

San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle on the Pacific coast of the United States have proposed establishment of free ports in their vicinity.—Associated Press.

U.S. TARIFF ON WOOL

Canberra, Aug. 10. The Australian Government is giving immediate consideration to the United States' offer to reduce the United States tariff on Australian wool.

Mr. Joseph Chifley, the Prime Minister, said that he could give no details of the offer, which had been received from Mr. J. D. Dorman, Australian representative at the international trade talks at Geneva.

A Cabinet sub-committee will examine it on Monday.—Reuter.

CHILE CUTTING IMPORTS

Santiago, Aug. 10. Minister of Economic Luis Bascay announced a Chilean Government decision to withhold foreign exchange for imports of about 200 products, including stockings, bath-tubs, cookstoves, and certain silk textiles.

The intent is to favour the market for similar articles produced in Chile. Bascay indicated the prices of the Chilean products would be controlled.—Associated Press.

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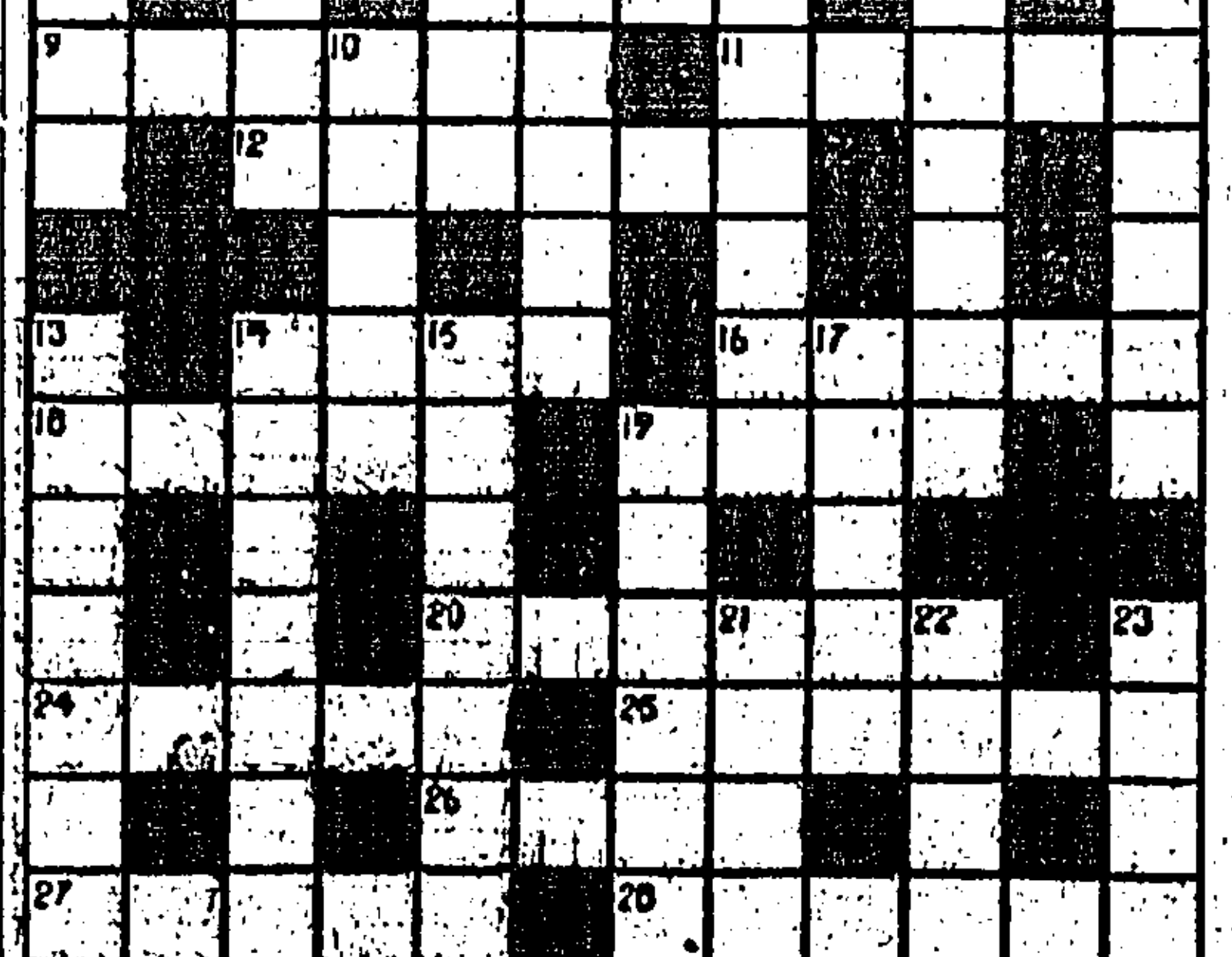
Alexandria, Aug. 9. Gold, per "dallah" 155 piastres, Egyptian pound 400; Sovereign 493, Turkish postil

ARGENTINE GOLD

Buenos Aires, Aug. 9. Sovereign, buyers 97.50, sellers 99.00; U.S. \$20 Eagle 119.00, 121.00; Gold, Bar, Gramme, 5.79, 5.86.—Reuter.

350, Napoleon 350, Dollar (piece de cinq) 400, Silver (piastres) per Kilogram, 840.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- Native
18. Grown-up
20. Neat
21. Charm
22. Best part
23. Glossy
24. Precise
25. Diminish
26. Pitcher
27. Change
28. Edit
29. Important
30. Period

Saturday's Crossword

- Across: 1. Conic; 2. Downer; 3. Pallid; 4. Swift; 5. Measles; 6. Dispel; 7. Bear; 8. Landa; 9. Beliefs; 10. Awe; 11. Embroid; 12. Beards; 13. Bewell; 14. Sprawl; 15. Layers; 16. Damps.
- Down: 1. Cupid; 2. Melt; 3. Crime; 4. Oval; 5. Screen; 6. Riders; 7. Delivery; 8. Pirate; 9. Awaits; 10. Item; 11. Prime; 12. Aise; 13. Barrel; 14. Lenway; 15. Fold; 16. Realm; 17. Dole; 18. Aler.

German Angle Not Clarified

Paris, Aug. 9. The work of the 16-nation Committee for European Economic Cooperation has reached the stage, after over three weeks of intensive activity, when outlines of the answer to be sent on Sept. 1 to the United States Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, should become clear.

The bulk of the facts and figures necessary to complete the answer have now been received here, and members of the various committees are working long hours to correlate all the information.

Some of the replies to parts of the questionnaire sent out to member Governments have not yet arrived, but are expected soon.

There is strong official reluctance to prophesy what form the picture of an economic Europe now being drawn will take. Much depends on the future permitted level of German industry. The Committee for European Economic Cooperation can only sketch in the Germans probable contribution to Europe's iron and steel supplies, while decisions on this subject have still to be taken elsewhere.

German Mark

Another matter which would help the work of the Committee—and might help the world's dollar shortage—would be the establishment of an acceptable German currency with which Germany could pay for some of her imports. But this matter will also have to be decided elsewhere.

The lack of any German currency for external use seen, to some observers here, to be one of the main stumbling blocks likely to be encountered by the Committee now studying the possibility of making the currencies of the 16 participating nations freely convertible one with another.—Reuter.

MARTIN BEHRMAN SEIZURE

Washington, Aug. 10. The owners of the freighter Martin Behrman, seized by Dutch warships last March in Java, asked the State Department to obtain immediate payment of U.S.\$3,084,240 in damages from the Dutch.

In a letter to the Secretary of State, General Marshall, the company asked if the Department could not get the money matter to be referred to arbitration between the two Governments. It said the Dutch had agreed to payment of damages but had not produced the amount of money agreed on.—United Press.

USUAL SPLIT

The United States hopes to avoid the usual split with Argentina. A majority of Latin American countries already support the U.S. view. The problem is that there will have to be wide agreement since the treaty will have to be ratified by the various national congresses.

(A government informant in Ottawa said recently that Canada had not been invited to the conference and was not sure

More Buying Of Tung Oil

New York, Aug. 10. Increased purchases of Chinese tung oil are reported in the New York market as a result of the high prices asked for linseed oil. Both oils are used in paints to promote drying. Linseed now sells for around 28.4 cents per pound in the New York market, while tung oil sells for about 23 cents.

A satisfactory substitute for linseed oil is said to result from a

PAN-AMERICAN UNITY HOPES DIMMER

Washington, Aug. 10. Prospects are that United States government officials who hope to impress Russia with inter-American unity at the forthcoming Rio de Janeiro conference are due for a slight disappointment, say observers here.

The conference opens on Aug. 15 and will negotiate on an inter-American mutual defence treaty.

The United States recently advanced plans that would make inter-American unity the dominant theme of the meeting. It manoeuvred the governing board of the Pan-American Union into trying to resolve the major points beforehand. But few diplomats think the plans will work.

The disputes centre around a United States proposal which would:

- 1—Eliminate the veto on enforcement action by having decisions made on a two-thirds majority vote basis. Argentina, for one, wants the veto.
- 2—Make it mandatory for all American nations to go immediately to the assistance of an attacked sister nation. Some Latin nations want to consult first.

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English Cricket SOUTH AFRICAN BATS TOO STRONG

Manchester, Aug. 9.
South Africa would appear to have the measure of Lancashire in their match which opened at Old Trafford today, for after dismissing the county for a modest score of 218 runs, the tourists had scored 84 runs without loss before the close of play.

Melville their captain, and Mitchell opened the batting. Tuckett and Dawson shared bowling honours for South Africa each claiming four wickets and, but for a brilliant 128 by Washbrook, the Lancashire Test batsman, the county total would have looked very small. Nobody else appeared happy against the South African attack, and Cranston, the county captain, was the next best scorer with 27.

Bowls

An enjoyable afternoon was spent at Stanley yesterday when the members and committee of the Prison Officers' Club were "at home" on the occasion of the re-opening of their lawn bowls green.

A five-rink bowls game was played between the P.O.C. and representative of other bowling clubs.

This resulted in a narrow win for the P.O.C. by six shots.

Jill was the most successful skip. His rink scored on 16 heads and won by 23 shots.

The day's scorecard was—

Lancashire	
Washbrook, c. Nourse, b. Dawson	128
Place, b. Dawson	14
Edrich run out	3
Wharton, c. Nourse, b. Dawson	0
Cranston, b. Tuckett	27
Howard, c. Fullerton, b. Tuckett	1
Pollard run out	16
Dawson not out	17
Barlow, b. Tuckett	5
Roberts, b. Tuckett	0
Extras	6
Total	218

Fall of wickets:—1-19, 2-58, 3-68, 4-69, 5-160, 6-162, 7-190, 8-201, 9-214.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tuckett	21	15	66	4
Dawson	36	7	88	4
Pollard	28	9	49	0
Mann	4	1	9	0

Byes 5, Wides 1.

South Africa

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Melville not out	45			
Mitchell not out	33			
Extras	6			
Total (for wks.)	84			

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pollard	9	0	23	0
Bowes	12	1	28	0
Ikin	7	0	20	0
Cranston	7	4	7	0

Byes 4, Leg byes 1, Wide 1.

U.S. TENNIS

South Orange, N.J., Aug. 9.
Gardner Mulloy of Coral Gables, Florida, gained the final round in the men's singles in the Eastern grass court tennis championships today by beating Bob Falkenberg of Beverly Hills, California, 4-6, 5-7, 6-3, 6-0, 6-3. In the only match not postponed because of rain.

In the other semi-final Billy Talbot of Wilmington, Delaware, was leading Ed Schroeder of California, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, 7-4, when a sudden storm swamped down.—United Press.

Jaroslav King Of Tennis

Paris, Aug. 9.
Blond - bespectacled Jaroslav Drobný, Czechoslovakian Davis Cup player, will be king of the men's division of European lawn tennis, closely pressed by dapper Josef Asboth of Hungary, according to J. Kauffmann, Secretary of the Davis Cup Committee of the French Lawn Tennis Federation.

Kauffmann, announcing his list of Europe's "first ten," placed Sweden's second string Torsten Johansson third, French Marcel Bernard fourth, Sweden's No 1 and reportedly King Gustav's favourite player Lennard Bergelin fifth, Czechoslovakian's Davis Cupper Vini Cernik sixth, Italy's giant Cucelli seventh, Yugoslavia's Draga Mitić eighth, France's Pierre Pelizzola ninth and Belgium's Philip Washer tenth.

Yvon Petra, the French giant and last year's Wimbledon title winner, was dropped from the list because he "has not participated in many tournaments this year and registered only a few minor wins."

Maufrmann said Drobný was listed first "by virtue of his victories in Davis Cup play and recent victories in the Czechoslovakian championships," although he pointed out that Drobný was beaten this year by the American Budge Patty at Wimbledon and by Asboth at Cannes.—United Press.

Edrich Stars In New Huge Stand

London, Aug. 9.
The Middlesex "twins"—Bill Edrich and Denis Compton—added another huge stand to their almost fabulous exploits of the County cricket season today in their match against Surrey at the Oval.

In this London "Derby" Middlesex rattled up the overpowering score of 537 for the loss of only two wickets. Edrich and Compton were undefeated at the close, with 157 and 137, respectively.

The following were close of play scores:

At Weston-super-Mare: Somerset 346 for 9 declared (Walford 66, Meyer 84), Glamorgan 22 for no wickets.

At the Oval: Middlesex 537 for 2 (Robertson 127, Brown 98, Edrich not out 157, Compton not out 137), versus Surrey.

At Hastings: Kent 303 for 9 declared (Eggs 103, Evans 57), Sussex 54 for 1.

At Bradford: Gloucestershire 162 (Emmett 64) Yorkshire 106 for 5.

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire 101 (Jepsen not out 64, Rhodes, right-arm fast bowler, three for 20) Derbyshire 204 for 1 (Townsend 70, Elliott not out 74).

At Wellingborough: Worcester-shire 179 (Howarth 70, C.B. Clarke 6 for 68) Northampton-shire 191 for 8 (Earron not out 83).

At Southampton: Hampshire 394 for 6 (Cockell 58, Eager not out 120, Hill 93) versus Warwickshire.

At Clifton: Leicestershire 308 (Berry 103, Prentice 53) Essex 36 for 1.

At Lords, the Royal Air Force beat the Royal Navy by seven wickets. Royal Air Force 219 (Dawkes 102, Fryer 6 for 35) and 110 for 3 (Dawkes not out 83), Royal Navy 157 (Cockle 4 for 54) and 177 (Rayment 5 for 42).—Reuter.

WEDEMAYER TALKS WITH CHIANG

Nanking, August 10.
Lt.-Gen. Wedemeyer for the first time since his return from North China called on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at 10 a.m. today and stayed for lunch.

It was reported he was anxious to confer with the Generalissimo following his tour.

Gen. Wedemeyer talked with his American advisers and examined documents which have accumulated during his absence from Nanking.

In the evening he went to a church service in the Nanking University campus with U.S. Ambassador Dr. Leighton Stuart.

Gen. Wedemeyer is scheduled to take off for Formosa on Monday morning. He will visit Shanghai on Wednesday and Canton on Friday.—United Press.

SOVIET MOVES TO MASS ROLLING STOCK

Berlin, Aug. 10.
Reliable sources reported today that the Soviet Military Administration had ordered the rehabilitation of and were making ready for winter use, railroad rolling stock in the Eastern Zone capable of handling the movement of 300,000 troops.

The informants did not know whether such troop movements were actually planned.

According to them, the Soviet had ordered 46,000 pieces of seized timber before the end of September to reconstruct rolling stock and to install tiers of soldiers' bunks, together with 16,000 square metres of window glass and a like number of units of stoves, coal boxes, coal shovels, fire hooks, pails, lanterns and other equipment.

They said also that the Soviet Military Administration had ordered from the big publishing houses of Leipzig 50,000 marks worth of sectional military maps of Germany, plus Russian-Spanish and Russian-Chinese dictionaries.

Maps of the Voelcke and Megdeburg districts, based on two old German General Staff maps, were printed by Brand-statter Company, Vobach Company and Wetzel and Naumann.—United Press.

DINNY PAILS DOWNS MACKEN

Montreal, Aug. 9.
Dinny Pail's of Australia today defeated Brendan Macken of Canada in the fourth match of the Davis Cup tie between the two countries. It gave the Aussies a 4-0 lead. Pails won in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

The Canadians in three days play have yet to win a match.

Macken battled all the way against Pails but the latter's great service and court technique were too much for him.

Geoffrey Brown of Australia completed the sweep of sets and matches but only after fighting off a strong bid for the set by southpaw Henri Rochon of Canada in the second set. Brown won 6-3, 9-7, 6-2.—United Press.

CHANNEL SWIM

Dover, Aug. 9.
Slipping into the water off Cap Griz Nez at 2.00 a.m. tomorrow, Elna Andersen, 35-year-old Dane, will make her second attempt this year to swim the English Channel.

Miss Andersen, who was to leave Dover by motor boat at 8.00 p.m. today for France, abandoned her last attempt in July when she encountered rough seas after swimming eight kilometres in two hours and 20 minutes. Last September, she gave up after three hours.—Reuter.

Archer Says Malloy Was The Killer

Shanghai, Aug. 10.
Hongkong-born Charlie Archer, in a statement to the Police today, positively accused United States Army corporal Thomas A. Malloy of Chicago, of killing the Chinese blackmarket gold-bar dealer, Yu Sheng-shao, on Aug. 1 on a highway outside Shanghai.

Archer said he found in Malloy's room blood-stained trousers and socks while mud was found under his moccasins which, he claimed, were similar to those at the scene of the fatal shooting.

Archer also said Malloy took five gold bars which Yu was selling for US\$488 each and of which Malloy was to take delivery through Archer, who was a broker.

Malloy is attached to the Shanghai detachment hospital of the U.S. Army.—United Press.

Baseball Figures In U.S.

National League

	R.	H.	E.
Boston Braves	9	16	0
Brooklyn Dodgers	3	8	0
New York Giants	4	10	2

Braves: p. Sain; c. Camelli. Giants: p. Koss, Harris, Jones; c. W. Cooper.

Philadelphia Phillies 5 11 1
Pittsburgh Pirates 3 8 0
Phillies: p. Rowe, Judd, Jurisich; c. Seminick.
Dodgers: p. Lombardi, Barney, King; c. Edwards.
Cincinnati Reds 1 9 0
Chicago Cubs 8 13 0
Reds: p. Raffensberger, Helki, Erant; c. Mueller.
Cubs: p. Erickson; c. McCullough.

(2nd game)
Cincinnati Reds 5 8 0
Chicago Cubs 6 8 1
Reds: p. Lively; c. Lamanna.
Cubs: p. Pascau, Chipman, Wyee, Kushi; c. Scheffing.

American League

Washington Senators	1	7	4
Philadelphia Athletics	8	7	0

Senators: p. Hudson, Candini, Cary; c. Evans.
Athletics: p. Marchildon; c. Rosar.
New York Yankees 4 11 0
Boston Red Sox 6 7 0
Yankees: p. Reynolds, Shea; c. Robinson.
Red Sox: p. Ferriss, Johnson; c. Partee.
Chicago White Sox 4 11 2
Detroit Tigers 8 12 2
White Sox: p. Grove, Smith; c. Tresh.
Tigers: p. Trout, Benton; c. Wagner, Swift.
St. Louis Browns 2 6 3
Cleveland Indians 5 13 3
Browns: p. Muncie, Walter, Brown; c. Early.
Indians: p. Lemon; c. Hegan.

(2nd game)
St. Louis Browns 4 7 0
Cleveland Indians 5 8 2
Browns: p. Sanford; c. Moser.
Early.
Indians: p. Embree, Stephens; c. Lopez, Hegan.—United Press.

Southern Association

	Won	Lost
Mobile	74	46
New Orleans	74	60
Nashville	63	57
Chattanooga	62	61
Birmingham	60	63
Atlanta	58	61
Memphis	57	67
Litlerock	42	82

American Association

Kansas City	70	45
Louisville	68	55
Millwaukee	61	60
Columbus	59	61
Indianapolis	58	62
Minneapolis	58	64
St. Paul	53	57
Toledo	50	70

Pacific Coast

Los Angeles	75	58
San Francisco	68	64
Oakland	60	63
Portland	64	65
Seattle	65	68
Sacramento	64	68
Hollywood	63	69
San Diego	61	70

—Associated Press.

SOVIET REPLY TO U.S. ATOM CHARGE

Lake Success, Aug. 9.
The Soviet delegate, Andrei Gromyko, replied today to American charges of Russian delay in the United Nations atomic energy negotiations by accusing the United States representatives of dodging Russia's atomic proposals because these would prevent permanent American monopoly in the field of atomic energy.

M. Gromyko made his charges in a statement written exclusively for the United Press, in reply to an article by Mr. Frederick Osborn, United States Atomic Energy Committee Deputy, published on Aug. 3 and which blamed the Russians for the deadlock in the United Nations search for world control machinery.

The Russian representative placing any single nation or any group of nations in a privileged position.

He singled out the United States as the chief opponent of this goal. He reiterated Russia's rejection of the American stand on the question of an "atomic veto" but said Mr. Osborn had erred in accusing the Russians of refusing to say how the veto should apply in the Soviet view when atomic controls got under way.

M. Gromyko wrote: "It is known that representatives of the Soviet Union repeatedly pointed out that the 'veto' existing in the Security Council, where it is provided for by the United Nations Charter, cannot operate in the international (atomic control) organ which will be charged with carrying out the functions of control and inspection."

Unanimity
"Concrete day by day functions of the international control organ in relation to which no 'veto' will be applied should be defined in an appropriate convention. As to application of the 'veto' in the Security Council, as is known, the Charter leaves no uncertainties on this account."

"The principle of unanimity of the five powers, permanent members of the Security Council, is operative in application to all questions having relation to the maintenance of peace. It is necessary to prove that this principle is also equally applied to questions resulting from international control of atomic energy, which have relations to the maintenance of international peace and security and with which the Security Council must deal."

M. Gromyko said one of Russia's important proposals, calling for the establishment of control and inspection over all facilities, from mines to atomic fuel plants as soon as the atomic control treaty was effective, was rejected by the Americans at first on the pretext that "they didn't understand it."

He charged that there were "contradictions" between the United States declarations of willingness to put the atom under international control and their actual position when practical proposals on the time and way to do it are discussed in the United Nations.—United Press.

No Privileges
"In the course of submitting such proposals, it proceeded from the fact that international control of atomic energy must be established in conformity with those principles which have been defined by the United Nations decision already adopted."

"It proceeded from the fact that effective international control over atomic energy could be established only in that case if all of us are guided by mutual interests of maintenance of international security and not by..."

BUSINESSMEN ADVOCATE REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE

Caux, Aug. 10.
Three representatives of large scale industry presented a revolutionary programme for management, as a last hope for their industries, when they addressed the World Assembly for Moral Rearmament at Caux today.

Robert Tilge, Employers' Representative for the French Departments of Nord and Pas de Calais, an area which includes 14,000 industrial concerns, 50,000 commercial houses, and 600,000 employees, said:

"I live at the exact centre of the problems dealt with by MRA. For fourteen years I have had the double task, to defend employers' interests in the face of the demands of a Labour Government, and to create social conditions which we regard as indispensable for workers, among the employees."

160 Strikes
"During eighteen months I had to deal with 160 strikes. Where lay the fault? The employers lay bound to safeguard their own capital, and to gain the greatest profit possible. The workers tried to extract as much as they could. It was a continual duel. The only solution was force."

"In addition, a large communist force made any kind of agreement very difficult. We were on the true battlefield between materialist and Christian civilisations. Since being at Caux, I have realised that we employers have been as materialistic as the communists. We have..."

often opposed to Marxism, a religion of which our own hearts have been empty.

"If we are going to defend Christian civilisation, we must have Christians to do it. We worked for the working class, we failed with the working class."

"I had two lives, one public, in which I defended society against the encroachment of materialism, the other private, where religion was not even shared with my wife. My influence among the workers would have been greater if my life had been on the same level with my convictions."

"France has lost her religious life to a terrible extent, and the owning classes have great responsibility for this betrayal of Christ."

"Anti-Communism is a defensive attitude, a man who only defends himself is always beaten. To win, we have got to move forward with constructive planning, and renewed faith. To think you can leave Caux and return to your ordinary life is an act of cowardice. God and my country are asking of me complete commitment. May God give me strength and courage to carry with me the greatest possible number of employees in France."

Felix Phillips, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Philips Industries with branches in 20 countries and 60,000 workers, said:

"There is no sense in preaching..."

U.S. Angered By Soviet Ban On Dairen Ships

Washington, Aug. 9.
The State Department, chafing under the Soviet ban against American naval vessels entering Dairen, today considered a second protest to Moscow over continuing Russian occupation of the Chinese port city.

Diplomatic officials disclosed that the matter of sending a protest note to follow up the one of Jan. 6 is under active study by the Department.

Russia continues to occupy Dairen despite the Soviet-Chinese accord of Aug. 14, 1945, in which the Russians agreed to restore the port to Chinese sovereignty. Disregarding the formal agreement and combined Chinese and American objections the Soviet has postponed evacuation of the port for two years.

The United States, in identical notes sent to Moscow and Nanking in January, said it "perceived no reason why there should be further delay in opening the port under Chinese administration to international commerce."

It referred to the Russian occupation as an "abnormal condition" and asked that Americans be permitted to visit and reside in Dairen. The...

Closed Port
The controversy over Dairen was revived on Friday when the State Department disclosed that Russia has refused since March to permit unarmed United States naval vessels to make routine calls at the port. The Department spokesman said the...

GOLF
Spokane, Washington, Aug. 9.
Ellsworth Vines, towering Los Angeles professional, fired one under par 69 on the rain-soaked Indian Canyon course, to lead the early finishers in the third round of the US\$10,000 Kamarradi Open. His 64 holes totalled 200.—United Press.